OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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Dear Brothers:

How we rejoiced over the article on 'God's Ministers' in the March 15, 1981, issue of *The Watchtower!* As stated on page 18: "All dedicated and baptized Christians, regardless of sex or age, can be proclaimers, preachers, ministers, . . . provided they give proof thereof by their conduct and their witnessing." As the apostle Paul did, we, too, desire to 'glorify our ministry.' Is that not the way you feel about it? In harmony with the information recently published on this subject, it is most appropriate that the title of this publication now appears as *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

Have you noticed also the new feature appearing for the first time in the January 8, 1982, issue of the *Awake!* magazine? *Awake!* will now be carrying articles designed to appeal to those in their teens and early twenties. These articles will discuss questions that are on the minds of young people and can thus be featured in talking with young people in the field. In the January issues the articles are "Is Anything Worth Believing In?" and "Does God Really Care About Me?" Be sure to attend the service meeting the week of January 3 when the use of these articles will be discussed.

There were over 41,000 traveling overseers and elders throughout the country who benefited from the Kingdom Ministry School during the past three months. No doubt this should have a stimulating effect on the work during the coming year.

The field service report for the 1981 service year gives clear evidence of Jehovah's blessing on our united activity to his praise. On the average, each month there were 19,995 more publishers in the field than during the preceding service year—an increase of 3.7 percent. And there was a new peak of 588,503 publishers during the month of August! It is also

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"Let Your Kingdom Come"

¹ We have all prayed "Let your kingdom come." What do these words from the Lord's Prayer mean to you? (Matt. 6:10) Most of us immediately think of things that will affect us personally, such as an end to sickness, death, pollution, or we think of the coming of a paradise earth. (Rev. 21:4; Isa. 65:17) Are there any other reasons why we should want the Kingdom to come?

² The coming of God's kingdom will also mean a perfect government by the King of kings. Jehovah's sovereignty will be upheld and Satan's rule ended. A new world society will flourish earth wide. All human endeavors will reflect love of God and neighbor. It will mean the resurrection of billions into a new earth and the waiting arms of their loved ones. (Acts 24:15) That will be a time when the radiant joy of the 144,000 corulers with Christ will be reflected in the billions of Kingdom subjects on earth who are then advancing toward perfection.

³ In appreciation for this bright hope and with an interest in the welfare of others, Jehovah's people offer "a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips." (Heb. 13:15) We are moved to carry on our house-to-house work with joy and earnestness as we seek those who are "sighing and groaning" over the detestable conditions that prevail in the earth. (Ezek. 9:4) When we find them, we see the need to go out of our way, even forgoing personal pleasures if necessary, to help them learn the Kingdom hope and make the necessary changes to become subjects of that government.

⁴ During the month of December we encouraged interested persons to obtain copies of the *"Kingdom Come"* book and the *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures*. Did you meet an interested person who was glad that you called and who accepted the offer? As we continue to make the same offer in January, it may be that you can do so more easily and effectively now that you have had some experience. Can you help members of your family or others in the congregation to have a share in the work during January? We encourage you to try.

⁵ In addition to the house-to-house work, there are other occasions when we can talk to people about the Kingdom. Have you ever engaged a person in conversation

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Young Christian Ministers—Imitate David

¹ The Bible account in 1 Samuel chapter 17 helps us to appreciate the confidence that David had in Jehovah even in his youth. His love of Jehovah and his faith were so strong that he was willing to face Goliath. Can you imagine how Jehovah's heart rejoiced to observe this young man take such a firm stand for true worship?—1 Sam. 17:31-37.

² Youths today face the challenge of standing fast for pure worship, too. As a Christian youth, you can make Jehovah's heart glad by imitating David. Your course can give Jehovah a further basis to answer the one taunting him. —Prov. 27:11.

³ While David took the initiative, offering himself in Jehovah's service, it is important to note that he placed his confidence in Jehovah, not in himself. When approaching Goliath, he said clearly: "I am coming . . . with the name of Jehovah . . . This day Jehovah will surrender you into my hand." (1 Sam. 17:45, 46) To serve successfully as a young Christian minister, you, too, will need to rely on Jehovah rather than yourself.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

⁴ David said of his Lord: "You have your company of young men just like dewdrops." (Ps. 110:3) Is it not thrilling to realize that there are hundreds of thousands of young men, "like dewdrops," who are carrying the refreshing message of truth to others, and there are hundreds of thousands of young women in a 'large army telling the good news.'? (Ps. 68:11) Yes, it is a thrill and an honor that should always be cherished.

⁵ From personal experience you younger ones know that it requires firm determination on your part to share regularly in the door-to-door ministry. You have no doubt also observed that most people put forth the effort to do what they want to do. So, what will you do when it is time for field service? Will you show that you stand on Jehovah's side? Will you put forth the effort? Will you show your determination and overcome whatever obstacles are present? You have the ability. If you wanted to share in some other activity, you would do so. So, when

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 3

Song 84

7 min: Local announcements and Announcements. Briefly review instructions in July 20, 1980 letter regarding use of MEDICAL ALERT card. Request that all bring *"Kingdom Come"* book next week.

10 min: Branch Letter. Elder discusses with audience.

16 min: "Let Your Kingdom Come." Questions and answers. When considering paragraph 4, ask audience to comment on talking points they have found effective in presenting the book and Bible offer. Also, have a young publisher demonstrate a simple presentation featuring the *"Kingdom Come"* book.

12 min: Announce arrangements for second Saturday magazine activity. Encourage all to share in this work. Draw attention to article in 1/8/82 *Awake!,* "Is Anything Worth Believing In?" It has been written to answer questions of young people, particularly those in their teens and early twenties. Encourage all to read the article and offer it to young persons they meet in the field. Young people can often best talk to other young people. Have a young publisher demonstrate presentation of article to another young person. As time permits, invite comments from audience as to how they will present the article.

Song 90 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 10

Song 108

7 min: Local announcements and accounts report.

15 min: "Have Love Among Yourselves." Questions and answers. Read appropriate paragraphs and scriptures as time permits.

23 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Starting Studies in the *'Kingdom Come'* Book." Read paragraphs 2 to 5 and discuss material with audience, highlighting simple and positive approaches. Include well-rehearsed demonstration. Encourage brothers to start studies with aid of *"Kingdom Come"* book.

Song 86 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 17

Song 42

5 min: Local announcements.

15 min: "Young Christian Ministers—Imitate David." Questions and answers. Read paragraphs and scriptures as time permits.

15 min: Talk by well-prepared elder on the Bible view of flag salute and national anthems taken from "Questions from Readers" in *The Watchtower,* January 15, 1974, pages 62 and 63. (See also June 15, 1964 issue, pages 378-380.)

10 min: Interview young brothers and sisters who share regularly in field service and who are setting a good example. Ask about problems they have faced at school regarding neutrality. Ask how they have strengthened their resolve to be faithful to Jehovah, to share regularly in the field service and to improve their abilities as ministers of the good news. Ask for expressions on how they feel about David's example and the need to be firm for pure worship. (If there are no youths in the congregation, older members may be interviewed concerning their experiences and expressions on these matters.) Conclude by encouraging all to share in Saturday magazine activity and to present the article "Does God Really Care About Me?" to young people they meet.

Song 112 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 24

Song 61

8 min: Local announcements and "Benefit from the Circuit Assembly."

15 min: Use in harmony with local needs or consider article in 9/1/81 *Watchtower,* "A Day in the Life of a Missionary." Brief talk on article. Then, encourage congregation to consider benefits of orderly life enjoyed by missionaries. Do you enjoy a daily discussion of the day's text? Use money wisely? Help with household chores? Study as a family? Contribute to the happiness of other members of the family? Our primary purpose is to teach the good news and make disciples.

12 min: Getting to Know One Another. Interview publisher or a couple. Consider how they came into the truth, what attracted them, obstacles overcome, blessings they have enjoyed in Jehovah's service.

10 min: The Offer for February. Encourage audience to comment on points in *"Kingdom Come"* book that they have found effective in making presentation. Encourage all to have full share in field service this weekend.

Song 107 and prayer.

OCTOBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.
Sp'l Pios.	447	131.3	112.9	49.8	5.0
Pios.	20,306	83.8	71.6	32.2	3.3
Aux. Pios.	25,638	58.8	54.6	18.5	1.4
Pubs.	529,837	8.4	9.4	3.6	.4
TOTAL	576,228				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,437

Compared with October a year ago, total publishers represents a 2.3 percent increase; magazine placements increased by 1,216,554. As for auxiliary pioneers, this was our best October ever!

"Kingdom Come" *(Cont'd)*

during your lunch break or on another occasion and used the opportunity to speak about the Kingdom? Some have had good success in approaching people on the street. (Acts 17:17) If convenient, why not carry a copy of the *"Kingdom Come"* book with you. Take the initiative to engage others in conversation when this is appropriate. Many people have learned the truth through these methods of preaching the good news of the Kingdom.

RETURN VISITS

6 If you have already been successful in placing the offer with an interested person, do not forget the seeds that have been planted but go back and water them so they will grow. (1 Cor. 3:6) What will you talk about on the return visit? Many fine subjects can be found in the back of the new Bible under *Bible Topics for Discussion.* We encourage you to use these as a basis for Scriptural discussions. Call attention to this fine aid so the householder can follow along. This may help him to find answers to other questions he may have. A discussion of the scriptures under the heading "Kingdom" might lead you right into a Bible study in the *"Kingdom Come"* book.

7 There is a "necessity" for all of us to share fully in this Kingdom-preaching work. (1 Cor. 9:16) It is important that people in our territory hear the good news of God's Kingdom government. (Matt. 24:14) As we preach this message with enthusiasm and a proper sense of urgency, Jehovah will continue to add his blessing.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *"Let Your Kingdom Come"*:

January 3:	Pages 5 to 13
January 10:	Pages 14 to 20
January 17:	Pages 21 to 28
January 24:	Pages 29 to 36
January 31:	Pages 37 to 45

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"Have Love Among Yourselves"

1 Most of us are well acquainted with Jesus' words, "By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love among yourselves." In fact, many of us were attracted to the truth because of the love that was shown to us as well as the love we observed being shown among Jehovah's people. —John 13:35.

2 As dedicated Christians we have many responsibilities that include keeping ourselves and our families well fed spiritually and sharing fully in the preaching work. However, we also have a responsibility to assist our brothers in harmony with their needs.—Gal. 6:10.

JEHOVAH'S VIEW

3 You will remember Jesus' parable of the man with a hundred sheep who lost one, searched for it until he found it and then rejoiced greatly that the one lost sheep was found. Jesus said that there is even greater joy in heaven when the one who has strayed is helped to return, than over the 99 that needed no repentance. This illustration helps us to appreciate how Jehovah views matters and the concern he has for those who may have strayed. —Luke 15:3-7.

4 Are there some in your congregation who once were active in preaching the good news but who are no longer doing so? Reports indicate that on an average there were three or four in each congregation who became inactive in Jehovah's service last year. There were also some who were assisted to renew their attendance at meetings and share again in the work of public preaching. Do you know of any who still need such assistance?

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

5 If a member of your family or someone else with whom you are acquainted needs assistance and encouragement, it may be that you can be of help. It is always appropriate to encourage one another to study regularly, attend meetings and share in field service. Perhaps a kind word or an invitation that you go to the meetings together or your offering assistance in the service will be just what is needed. Is there a need to remind the person that we must never forget our personal responsibility to live up to our dedication? At times you may locate individuals in your territory who once associated with the congregation and who appreciate the concern we have for them. If so, by all means let one of the elders know about this so assistance can be provided.

6 The elders have the responsibility to shepherd the flock, doing so out of love for their brothers. They are especially concerned about those who have become inactive. Brothers who are strong should be helping, in a loving way, those who need to strengthen their resolve to live up to their dedication to Jehovah. Many will respond to such loving concern. —John 21:15-17; Rom. 13:8; 15: 1, 2.

7 The secretary and the service overseer are interested in doing all they can to arrange for help to be given to inactive ones. They may arrange to visit such ones or invite others in the congregation to do so. It may be that some inactive ones would appreciate having a Bible study conducted with them again. These elders may suggest subjects or the publication that would be most helpful to the individual. They might also determine who would be in the best position to help. Perhaps the inactive one may respond more quickly if the study is conducted by the one who originally helped him. Where an entire family needs help, it may be best for an elder to study with them as a group. An inactive sister may be helped by another sister who is capable and experienced. Younger ones may respond to assistance from a young ministerial servant or capable pioneer. Go to the inactive one and have a friendly conversation. It may take several visits before a study can be started.

8 The ones privileged to conduct such studies will take a real interest in these individuals, helping them to regain their spiritual strength. Encouragement can be given to help such ones to attend the meetings.—Heb. 10:23-25.

9 Each publisher who conducts such a study may count the time, the return visit and the study until one of the Society's publications has been completed. Publishers can only report studies and field service time assisting dedicated persons when they have been specifically asked to do so as outlined above, or as described on page 3 in both the February 1977 and August 1981 issues of *Our Kingdom Service.*

10 The service overseer will certainly be interested in the progress of such studies, giving encouragement and making adjustments as necessary. Such progress can be considered by the elders when they come together at their quarterly meetings.

11 We are all very much interested in those who have associated with us in the past but who have become inactive in Jehovah's service. By arranging to study with some of these individuals, we can demonstrate our love and desire to help them again share with us in Jehovah's service.

Benefit from the Circuit Assembly

1 We have received many words of appreciation for the clear and helpful counsel given at our circuit assembly on the theme "Subjecting Ourselves to God." Do you remember the fine encouragement to recognize our place in Jehovah's theocratic arrangement and to avoid a course of independence? Surely we will benefit greatly as we heed this counsel ourselves and help our brothers to do so, too.

2 Our next circuit assembly program beginning in February will have as its theme "Be Blameless as Light Bearers." (Phil. 2:15) There is a need for all of us to be blameless among a twisted generation and at the same time shine zealously as light bearers. But what does Jehovah require of his light bearers and what pitfalls must we avoid? Be sure that you and your family benefit fully from the fine program that has been prepared.

Branch Letter (*Cont'd*)

encouraging to see that 18,816 arranged their affairs to share in the regular pioneer service, 1,888 more than last year. We spent 5.6 million more hours in the field than last year, placed 2.8 million more magazines and 81,000 more subscriptions. We made 1.9 million more return visits and on the average each month conducted 19,848 more home Bible studies. There were 28,496 baptized, 685 more than last year. And in April there were 1,463,070 who attended the Memorial, 101,458 more than the previous year. Truly, it was a wonderful year to Jehovah's praise!

With you we appreciate the reminder of our year's text that we be steadfast and unmovable in our worship of Jehovah. We have "plenty to do in the work of the Lord" and pray that Jehovah's continued blessing will go with us all as we share fully in the work of Kingdom-preaching during the coming year.—1 Cor. 15:58.

Your brothers,

BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Starting Studies in the "Kingdom Come" Book

1 Jehovah God's "Kingdom *comes* to 'bring to ruin those ruining the earth,' to provide for the resurrection of the dead, to remove the enemy death and to make our globe a happy, peaceful home for mankind's habitation." (Rev. 11:15, 18; 21:1, 3, 4) (*"Kingdom Come"* book, page 21, par. 1) Our heartfelt desire is to help those who have received a copy of this book to gain knowledge and appreciation of the Kingdom—the primary theme of the Holy Scriptures. To accomplish this a Bible study usually is needed.

2 Many brothers who have had success in starting studies say a very simple approach is best. After a friendly greeting, tell the householder you will be brief, but that you wish to demonstrate how he can get the most from the publication. Kindly suggest that he get his book. Turn to the illustration at the beginning of chapter 1 and ask what he finds attractive or appealing in it. (Allow householder to make observations.) Invite him to read the first paragraph, which provides a word description of the illustration. If he declines, you may read it. Thereafter, ask question 1 and allow householder to comment. Have paragraphs 2 and 3 read, followed by the question and discussion, and then proceed with paragraphs 4 and 5. You could also have him read the material in the box on page 7. Ask him if he would like to know what the Kingdom really is and tell him that you will be happy to return next week and consider the matter further with him. When you return, consider the next two pages, which answer the question.

3 Another fine way to get into the *"Kingdom Come"* book and start a study is by stating that since childhood most of us have repeated the Lord's Prayer. You could then repeat the first portion of it asking, "'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,' where?" (Allow householder to answer.) If he hesitates or is unable to answer you could continue by stating, "The prayer goes on to say, 'on earth as it is in heaven.'" Then ask the householder what he thinks the earth will be like when God's will is done on earth. (Allow for comments.) Turn to the illustration in chapter 1 and discuss the conditions God's kingdom will bring to the earth. Have paragraph 1 read, ask the question and discuss. Consider a few paragraphs in this manner and make arrangements to return for further discussion.

4 Another suggestion is: since so many millions of people pray for the kingdom of God to come, a logical question that many ask is: "What is the Kingdom?" Ask the householder what he thinks about the matter. Then tell him that his book gives the answer. Ask him to get his copy of the book and turn to page 8. Read the subheading and invite the householder to read paragraph 6. Ask the question and discuss. Then have paragraphs 7 and 8 read and discuss. Review what has been learned—that the Kingdom is truly a government. Ask the householder to take time to read the next three pages and assure him that you would be pleased to return on another occasion to consider these matters further with him.

5 The *"Kingdom Come"* book is designed for study and we hope you will be successful in starting many new studies with its aid. It should also be used now, along with the *Truth* book, as the two books to be studied with new Bible students. May Jehovah bless your sincere effort to use it well to his praise.

Christian Ministers (*Cont'd*)

it comes to the field service, make necessary adjustments, dress appropriately and share regularly in the work.

6 Remember, also, that our faithful participation in field service goes further than merely placing magazines or turning in a monthly report. It should give evidence of our devotion to Jehovah and our love for our neighbor, as well as our firm belief in the good news. Do you really believe that God's kingdom will bring an end to this system shortly and bless all mankind under its righteous rule? Then, show that you believe it by sharing in the ministry and endeavoring to make progress in presenting the message effectively. As you do, you can be sure that Jehovah's blessing will go with you.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Mankind's Only Solution—God's Kingdom.

Matt. 6:10—We pray for it.

Rev. 11:17, 18—What it will do.

Announcements

- Literature offer for January: *New World Translation* and *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* for a contribution of $3.75 if 1981 edition of Bible used. (English only.) February: *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* for a contribution of 75c. March: Any one of the older 192-page books for a contribution of 75c.

- Prepare for special talk and Memorial: Please order special talk handbills and Memorial invitations now so that your congregation will receive them well in advance of the special talk to be held on Sunday, on or during the week following March 28, 1982, and the Memorial celebration on Thursday, April 8, 1982. The special talk handbill should be ordered on the yellow *Special Talk Handbill Order*. Memorial invitations may be ordered in lots of 250, 500 and 1,000, using the special blue *Memorial Invitation Order Form*. Two copies of each form are being sent to the congregations with the December statement. The special talk will be on the subject: "The Only Cure for Sick Mankind." PLEASE DO NOT REMIT WITH YOUR ORDER. The handbills and invitations will be charged to your congregation's literature account. Payment for these should be included with the amount of money remitted for literature. Please *do not* list payment for handbills and invitations separately on the remittance form.

- A new Memorial talk outline has been prepared and two copies are being sent to each congregation with the January statements. This outline should be used by all Memorial speakers.

- Presiding overseer should arrange to have new MEDICAL ALERT cards distributed at beginning of first service meeting in January. Brother handling announcements can give brief reminders concerning its use as expressed in letter dated July 20, 1980. Post letter on information board for a week or two and then return it to congregation file for future reference. Brothers are encouraged to fill out card promptly, having it properly signed, witnessed and dated.

- The district overseer's new talk will be "Surviving a Generation of Darkness." The circuit overseer's new talk beginning March 1 will be "A World Without War—How and When?"

- New Publications Available:

  Did Man Get Here by Evolution or by Creation? —Hungarian
  Happiness—How to Find It —Japanese, Korean
  "Let Your Kingdom Come" —Japanese
  "Singing and Accompanying Yourselves with Music in Your Hearts" —Japanese

- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:

  Our Incoming World Government—God's Kingdom —French
  "Singing and Accompanying Yourselves with Music in Your Hearts" (Deluxe Edition) —English

- New Cassette Recordings Available:

  My Book of Bible Stories (four cassettes in album) —English
  (Congregation and public: $8.00; pioneers: $6.00)
  The Good News According to Matthew (set of three cassettes) —Dutch
  (set of two cassettes) —Italian
  The Good News According to Mark (set of two cassettes) —Italian
  Acts of Apostles (set of two cassettes) —Italian
  The First to the Corinthians (single cassette) —Spanish
  The Second to the Corinthians and *To The Galatians* (single cassette) —Spanish

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Meetings for Field Service

FEBRUARY 1-7
Offering "Let Your Kingdom Come"

1. Why does householder need "Kingdom Come" book?
2. What illustrations could you use?
3. What additional talking points?

FEBRUARY 8-14
Companionship in service

1. Why is it good to work together in field service?
2. When appropriate, why is it beneficial to work alone?

FEBRUARY 15-21
Exercising discernment

1. What might dictate how long you would stay at a door?
2. If householder is busy, what could be said to leave opening for future visits?

FEBRUARY 22-28
Preparing for field service

1. Why is it so important?
2. What attention should be given to our witnessing bag?
3. What information should be reviewed?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *"Let Your Kingdom Come"*:

February 7: Pages 46 to 54*
February 14: Pages 54* to 61*
February 21: Pages 61* to 67
February 28: Pages 68 to 75*

* To or from subheading.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Mankind's Only Solution—God's Kingdom.

Matt. 6:10—We pray for it.
Rev. 11:17, 18—What it will do.

Be at Your Preaching Urgently

1 "And this good news of the kingdom will be preached in all the inhabited earth for a witness to all the nations; and then the end will come." (Matt. 24:14) With these words Jesus impressed on his disciples the importance of delivering the message of the Kingdom. An urgency was manifested in his words. The end of wickedness could not precede the delivering of this important message. God's kingdom in the hands of his Son will act decisively against wickedness, but only after this message has been delivered "for a witness to all the nations."

2 Further highlighting the urgency of preaching, Paul counseled Timothy, "Preach the word, be at it urgently in favorable season, in troublesome season, . . . do the work of an evangelizer, fully accomplish your ministry." Timothy had to apply himself in giving instruction inside the congregation, but 'evangelizing' was also necessary. So Paul urged Timothy to 'fully accomplish his ministry' by sharing in the preaching work under all circumstances. He was to display the "art of teaching" and yet work with a sense of urgency.—2 Tim. 4:2, 5.

HOW CAN WE DO IT?

3 Today we are being directed to preach "this good news of the kingdom" and we should be at it urgently. The world scene indicates that the nations are rapidly moving toward their end. Not much time remains to do this pressing work. How can we get on with the preaching work and get it done before the end comes? How can we be good teachers while working with a sense of urgency?

4 A fine instrument has been provided by the "faithful and discreet slave" to aid us in getting our urgent work done. It is the book *"Let Your Kingdom Come."* We have been offering it along with the Bible during the past two months, and now we have the opportunity to offer this fine publication alone for a contribution of 75c. No doubt you have found it to be very helpful in focusing the attention of the householder on the Kingdom theme.

5 Have you been able to use the suggestions given in the last two months? Perhaps you have been able to use the boxes containing pointed information about the Kingdom, such as the one entitled "The Reality of God's Kingdom" found on page 11. Or, you may have found success using the fine color illustrations in the book, such as the beautiful paradise scene on pages 4 and 5 or the full-page illustrations on pages 148 and 149

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Benefit Fully from the Circuit Overseer's Visit

1 How much we appreciate the visits of our traveling brothers! Truly, they are examples to us all "in speaking, in conduct, in love, in faith, in chasteness" just as were Timothy and Titus to the congregations they served. (1 Tim. 4:12) Along with the Memorial and assemblies, the visits of these brothers are truly high points in the service year.

INDIVIDUAL BENEFITS

2 It is good to consider the various ways you can benefit fully from the circuit overseer's visit. For example, many plan ahead so that they can share in the auxiliary pioneer service during the month of the visit. By spending full days in service with him, not only are auxiliary pioneers greatly encouraged, but they also are assisted in reaching their required hours for the month. Usually a number of interested ones are contacted that week and so there is opportunity for more return visits which may ultimately develop into fine Bible studies. Of course, such benefits can be shared by all publishers who work in field service with the circuit overseer, whether they are regular or auxiliary pioneers or hard-working congregation publishers.—Eccl. 11:6.

3 Planning ahead may also help you to adjust the time of your Bible studies so that the circuit overseer will be able to accompany you. His wife will be pleased to work with as many sisters as possible. This arrangement may help you to improve your effectiveness as a teacher. (Prov. 1:5) It may also encourage your student to make further progress. If your Bible student has advanced to the point of sharing in the ministry, why not invite him to go along with you in field service during the circuit overseer's visit?

4 Be sure to invite your Bible student to the Kingdom Hall when the circuit overseer visits. Many persons who are now serving Jehovah faithfully were encouraged to attend their first meeting during

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 31

Song 31

5 min: Introduction and local announcements; remind congregation of first Sunday field service arrangements.

25 min: Question-and-answer coverage of insert material on 1982 "Kingdom Truth" District Convention.

15 min: Question-and-answer coverage of main article: "Be at Your Preaching Urgently." Remind audience of Topic for Conversation theme and scriptures.

Song 66 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 7

Song 88

7 min: Local announcements and accounts report.

15 min: "Can You Tell Right from Wrong?" October 1, 1981, *Watchtower,* pages 9-12. Talk. If chalk board or other means of display before congregation is available, show the four factors that make it difficult for Christians to attain mature perception.

13 min: "Presenting the Good News—Using Bible Tracts." As time permits entertain suggestions and experiences from audience on how tracts can be used locally.

10 min: Elders can arrange locally or give talk on February 1, 1982, *Watchtower* article, "Expansion at the 'House of God.'" Encourage all to share in second Saturday magazine work.

Song 51 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 14

Song 78

10 min: Local announcements, Announcements and article "Witnessing to Prisoners." Animated discussion between two brothers.

20 min: "Can They Be Helped?" Talk by elder highlighting what is being done to help inactive ones in territory. Secretary and service overseer will work together in arranging for persons to be called on. Qualified publishers will be asked to conduct study with inactive ones. Time, return visit and study should be reported by publisher conducting study. Relate one or two experiences from article showing that some will respond. Demonstrate how one would approach inactive publisher with object of starting study. Make demonstration realistic. Read paragraph 8.

15 min: "Having Plenty to Do in the Work of the Lord." Discussion between service overseer and a brother or sister active in field service. (Portion based on *Organization* book, chapter 7, "Serving Jehovah Whole-souled" and January 1, 1982, letter, "Territory Seldom Worked.") What is involved in whole-souled service? Review letter "Territory Seldom Worked." Emphasize how this is a way we can increase our service on a temporary basis. Explain difference between serving where need is greater and working unassigned territory. Encourage brothers to consider working, on a temporary basis, areas that have not been covered in a year or two. (See article, "Step Over into Macedonia and Help" in June, 1980 *Our Kingdom Service.*) Explain how one can apply to work unassigned territory. Conclude with thought that Jehovah blesses those who put Kingdom interests first. We have plenty to do in the work of the Lord. Will our circumstances permit us to do more than at present?

Song 82 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 21

Song 73

5 min: Introduction and local announcements.

15 min: "Sexual Morality—Is It Really Possible?" November 1, 1981, *Watchtower,* pages 3-6. Talk by an experienced elder. Commend youths in congregation for keeping morally clean.

15 min: Questions and answers on article, "Benefit Fully from the Circuit Overseer's Visit." Encourage whole-hearted support for his visit by all in the congregation, building appreciation for this provision to help the congregation remain spiritually strong.

10 min: Getting Ready for Field Service. Review Topic for Conversation and offer. Have a young publisher demonstrate presentation. Remind all to share in fourth Saturday magazine work.

Song 103 and prayer.

Circuit Overseer *(Cont'd)*

this special week of activity. In fact, it is not unusual for a congregation to enjoy new peaks in meeting attendance that week.

[5] When the circuit overseer visits the congregation, it may be that he will want to sit in on some of the studies that are being conducted with those who have been inactive. If a sister has been assigned to conduct the study, it would be appropriate for the circuit overseer to conduct it on this occasion since it is being held with an inactive sister. Both would report the time spent on the study and the return visit would be counted by the publisher who regularly conducts the study.

[6] The circuit overseer's visit provides opportunity for us to associate closely with a spiritually older brother and to benefit from his many years of experience in Jehovah's service. We may also discuss with him any personal problems we have affecting our spirituality. He is in a position to offer fine counsel. We also have the opportunity to enjoy happy fellowship with the circuit overseer and his wife by inviting them to a meal. This association may also help the children in the family to develop greater appreciation for Jehovah's organization.

CONGREGATIONAL BENEFITS

[7] The entire congregation also benefits from the assistance the servants receive in caring for their responsibilities. They are aided in offering help to inactive ones and others needing encouragement. Often, the circuit overseer is able to provide encouragement to ill or infirm ones, even visiting them at their home or in the hospital, helping them to face tribulation with greater peace of mind.

[8] Organizational matters as well as other questions or problems can be discussed with the traveling brother, particularly when he meets with elders and ministerial servants. As these responsible brothers follow through on the good counsel given, the quality of field service should improve. With the round of visits starting this month, the circuit overseer will spend time with the secretary and help him with his duties.

[9] Paul, Titus and Timothy set fine examples for traveling overseers today. How grateful we are to have faithful men like these visit our congregations, providing us with the encouragement and help we need to press forward in our ministry. (Phil. 2:22) Be sure to plan ahead so as to benefit fully from the circuit overseer's visit.

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Can They Be Helped?

¹ We were happy to learn from last month's *Our Kingdom Ministry* that there will be an increased effort during the coming months to help those who have stopped sharing the truth with others. Many of these no longer attend meetings. How grateful we are to Jehovah that he takes such a loving interest in each of us and directs the elders to take the lead in giving the needed help. Even if one has been inactive for many years but has some love for Jehovah, the way is open for him to return to active association with the congregation. Jehovah is patient and does not want any to be destroyed.—2 Pet. 3:9.

² As already explained, the secretary and service overseer will be taking the initiative in seeing that inactive ones in the territory are visited. You may be one of the publishers whom the service overseer will ask to help inactive ones.

PAST BENEFICIAL RESULTS

³ Experience has shown that some will respond to loving efforts to help them come back, even though they have been away for many years and drifted back to some of their former worldly habits. A positive attitude and patience on the part of the publisher calling, along with Jehovah's help, will bring success if the inactive one still has a love for the truth. If he is dealt with unkindly, there is less likelihood that he will respond.

⁴ For example, a sister who had been away many years felt that Jehovah and the congregation no longer cared for her. A sister called on this 'lost sheep' and read selected paragraphs to her from *The Watchtower*. Learning that Jehovah did still care, the inactive sister began to weep. She had stopped associating due to many family problems and discouragement, wrongly assuming she had been disfellowshipped because of her long absence. This 'lost sheep' came to appreciate Jehovah's mercy and that he was still interested in her. She soon found her way back to active service with the congregation.

⁵ In another case, where previous efforts had been unfruitful, an elder decided to try one more time to assist an inactive brother to return. He traveled many hours on foot through thornbushes and thick underbrush to reach the brother's farm. He arrived bruised, scratched and dusty. The elder informed the inactive brother that he had traveled all that way to see how he was doing, and that the congregation was concerned about him. This so moved the brother that he was soon reactivated. A former opposer who was working alongside the inactive brother and listening in on the conversation could not believe what he had heard. He was so impressed by this elder's efforts to help the one who had strayed that he and his wife began to study and eventually became active publishers.

⁶ One young married couple had been away from the truth for twelve years. It might have seemed that there was little hope of their returning. An elder decided to make one last try. They had lost their spirituality and were cold toward the brother at first. He maintained a friendly, cheerful disposition and asked them how they came into the truth. This was the turning point. Their attitude warmed and they made rapid progress toward becoming reactivated. He had a positive attitude and did not conclude that there was no hope because of their long absence.

KEEP A POSITIVE OUTLOOK

⁷ These few experiences illustrate that persons who have stopped associating can be helped, often to return. Many who have become inactive are not opposed to the truth but have stopped associating due to personal problems and discouragement. Others may have allowed the "thorns" to choke out the Word because of anxiety and materialism. (Matt. 13:22) Although these may have strayed far and been away for a long time, Jesus' illustration at Matthew 18:12-14 encourages us always to leave the door open for their return. Many inactive ones can be helped. Jehovah blesses the efforts of those who participate in this work under the direction of the elders.

⁸ In the coming months the secretary and service overseer will determine which inactive ones in the territory would likely respond to help. If you should be asked to study with an inactive one, you may report the time, return visit and Bible study until the individual has completed the study of one book. By that time it is hoped that the person will once again be regular in meeting attendance and field service. It is our sincere prayer that Jehovah will bless richly this special activity, and that many who have gone astray will respond before it is too late.

Witnessing to Prisoners

¹ Reports have come in from all over the country telling of the good work brothers are doing in contacting prisoners in various jails and penitentiaries, helping some to rehabilitate their lives spiritually. In a number of such institutions regular meetings are being held and several prisoners have studied to the point of dedication and baptism. Their changed pattern of life has been in itself a tremendous witness to others.

² In some cases, prisoners have been helped by brothers who have corresponded with them over a period of time. There is a danger, though, about which we wish to issue a warning. Some prisoners are willing to carry on correspondence, feigning interest, simply for their own selfish advantage. The love, compassion and generosity of Jehovah's people sometimes make them an easy mark for such individuals. If correspondence is carried on with a prisoner, it would not be good to begin sending money or material things at the prisoner's request. Rather, the giving of spiritual information and encouragement to apply Bible principles in his life should be the reason for writing.—Prov. 14:15.

³ Since it is not recommended that sisters carry on correspondence with male prisoners, it would be good for such to be done by qualified brothers. It is also ill-advised for members of the congregation to visit the prison indiscriminately and have close association with inmates.

⁴ Where interest is shown by prisoners, it is good to turn the names and addresses of such ones over to the congregation nearest the prison, and let the brothers qualified to visit the prison contact these prisoners and arrange to study with them if possible. Usually these brothers know what is required and have special permission to enter prison facilities. It is not objectionable for these brothers to hold meetings with prisoners so that several may study at one time. We do not recommend that special events be held in prisons where publishers are invited to mingle with the prisoners indiscriminately. We believe the most good can be accomplished by just holding the regular weekly meeting where they are permitted by the prison officials. Thus, dedicated or interested inmates will be receiving the same spiritual feeding that Jehovah's people on the outside are receiving.

⁵ Certainly we want to be of help to all persons who are hunger-

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PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Using Bible Tracts

[1] Early in the modern history of Jehovah's Witnesses much of the public witnessing was accomplished through the extensive distribution of Bible tracts. Many first heard the Kingdom message in that way. Today, tracts still play an important role in our public ministry of the "good news."—Matt. 24:14.

[2] Last summer at our "Kingdom Loyalty" District Conventions, Kingdom News No. 30 was released and used from house-to-house in the convention cities. Since that time this new tract, entitled *Is Planet Earth Near the Brink?* has been made available to congregations for free distribution to the public. (See announcement in the September 1981 *Our Kingdom Service*.) Are you making full use of this new tract?

[3] This attractive new tract with its thought-provoking title can prove to be most helpful in giving a thorough witness in your territory. Many brothers have effectively used the tract at the beginning of their presentation to catch the eye of the householder. Others prefer using it for stimulating further interest in concluding calls where no literature has been placed. Most of all, perhaps, the tract is being left at doors where no one was found at home or where the householder has been too busy to listen at the time the call was made. If the tract is being left at not-at-homes, make certain that it is placed neatly out of sight of passers-by.

[4] During recent years several tracts have been released and used in special efforts to get a brief message into every home in our territories. This present tract is intended for continuous use in field service. Have you made arrangements to carry a few of these tracts with you at all times so as to be able to use them on every appropriate occasion?

[5] Tracts are particularly convenient for giving to persons we may engage in conversation when traveling, shopping or when going about the daily affairs of life. Several of these tracts may be kept conveniently available in a coat pocket, purse or briefcase. Why not keep a few at your place of employment or among your school books and papers? Having the tract with you may in itself encourage you to be more alert to opportunities to witness informally.

[6] Yes, using Bible tracts is a time-tested and effective means of presenting the "good news." Be sure to pick up a supply soon and use them at every opportunity.

Preaching *(Cont'd)*

highlighting "The Kingdom Theme of the Bible."

[6] Perhaps you have been able to use one of the suggestions in the January 1982 *Our Kingdom Ministry,* so as to start a Bible study. If you have not tried these yet, why not do so during February as you place the *"Kingdom Come"* book? Or, you may want to return to visit householders with whom you have placed the book but who do not yet have a home Bible study. The suggestions offered are beneficial for new publishers or those with more experience.

[7] Have you been able to offer this new book to members of your own family who are not Jehovah's Witnesses? What about those who are on your magazine route? Would they be interested in obtaining a copy of the *"Kingdom Come"* book? Can you think of others who may want it? Fellow employees? Schoolmates? Business contacts? Landlords? Neighbors? Seek out every opportunity to offer this book.

WHAT LIES AHEAD

[8] It is the coming of God's kingdom by Christ and knowing what it will do that makes it possible for all praisers of Jehovah to have faith now. So, during these last days of Satan's system, should we not be moved to speak the "good news" to others so they in turn may have faith and wait for God's kingdom to remedy earth's affairs? Surely we will want to make every effort during February to see that we distribute the *"Kingdom Come"* book to everyone that desires a copy. We should be at our work urgently since the time left to do it is short.—Mark 13:10; 1 Pet. 4:7.

NOVEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	442	131.4	108.0	49.9	5.1
Pios.	20,047	83.0	66.7	31.8	3.3
Aux. Pios.	18,779	58.6	49.4	19.2	1.6
Pubs.	532,747	8.4	9.0	3.6	.4
TOTAL	572,015				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,994

Prisoners *(Cont'd)*

ing and thirsting for the truth, but caution must be exercised when dealing with those whose imprisonment is due to their own wrongdoing.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Several branches in Europe report new peaks of publishers in October including: Austria, 13,942; Italy, 92,200; Luxembourg, 1,012; Spain, 48,763; Switzerland, 11,060. Publishers in Italy averaged 12.2 hours.

◆ Nicaragua passed the 4,000 mark in publishers for the first time with 4,028 reporting in October, a 10 percent increase over last year's average. A total of 6,090 studies were conducted during the month.

◆ Bolivia had a 10 percent increase in October with a new peak of 2,805 publishers. New peaks also reported in return visits and studies.

◆ With 505 publishers reporting in the Bahamas, their two circuit assemblies were attended by 1,164, and 12 were baptized.

◆ Puerto Rico reported an all-time peak of 327 regular pioneers in October.

◆ Chile reported an 8 percent increase in October with a new peak of 16,942 publishers.

Announcements

- Literature offer for February: *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* book for a contribution of 75c. March: Any 192-page book with exception of *"Kingdom Come"* and *Happiness* books, on a contribution of 75c. During March try to distribute books that may be overstocked in your congregation. If you need to order supplies from Brooklyn we suggest you request: *Is This Life All There Is?, Holy Spirit* or *Life Does Have a Purpose*. April and May: *The Watchtower* subscription for one year on a contribution of $3.50. Six-month subscriptions $2.00 each.
- The special talk may be given the following week if a circuit overseer's visit or a circuit assembly is scheduled for March 28, 1982.
- On Saturday, April 17, the Bethel home and factory and Watchtower Farms buildings will be closed for spring cleaning, so there will be no arrangements for tours on that day.
- Congregations may use *Kingdom News* #30 tracts in place of Not Home Slips. However, the Society has a stock of Not Home Slips in French, Greek and Korean which can be ordered by congregations according to local needs.
- New Publications Available:
  - *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* —Chinese
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Part 1-A to Be) —French
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Part 2-Be to Es) —German
  - *"Singing and Accompanying Yourselves with Music in Your Hearts"* —Turkish
- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures,* (Deluxe Edition) (Dbi12-S) —Spanish
  - Not Home Slips —English, Spanish
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *Jehovah's Name To Be Declared in All the Earth* (single cassette) —Dutch, German
- The *Watch Tower Publications Index* for 1981 is not yet available. Please do not order this index until an announcement of its availability is made in *Our Kingdom Ministry.*

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Meetings for Field Service

MARCH 1-7
Prepare for book offer

1. Which book do you plan to offer in March?
2. Why carry several different books in service?
3. What is our objective in placing books?

MARCH 8-14
When offering magazines

1. How do you determine which to feature?
2. When would you hand them to the householder?
3. When might you show the circulation and language figures?

MARCH 15-21
Handling objections

1. Must all objections be overcome?
2. What is meant by "absorbing" an objection?
3. How do you avoid arguments?

MARCH 22-28
How do you plan to:

1. Offer the handbill to the special talk?
2. Use the Memorial invitation?
3. Help an inexperienced publisher use handbill and invitation?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *"Let Your Kingdom Come"*:

March 7: Pages 75* to 82
March 14: Pages 83 to 88†
March 21: Pages 89 to 95
March 28: Pages 96 to 103*

* To or from subheading.
† Include last paragraph on page.

The Most Important Day in 1982

[1] How much do you value the life of Jesus Christ? Judas valued it as worth no more than the price of a slave. On the other hand, Jehovah viewed his only begotten Son as the most precious of all his creation! His human life was so valuable it could be used to purchase all humankind. (1 John 2:2) This was accomplished by his death, one of the most significant events in the history of mankind.

[2] Appropriately, Christians are commanded to remember that event in the manner prescribed by Jesus himself. (1 Cor. 11:23-26) The correct date for this observance has not been lost but is accurately recorded and preserved. This year the Memorial falls on Thursday, April 8, making this the *most important day in 1982.* What can *you* do to make it the most important day of the year to you? The importance each of us places on the Memorial of Christ's death will, to a great extent, indicate the value we place on the redemptive sacrifice he made in our behalf. —1 John 5:13.

DEEPEN APPRECIATION FOR THAT DAY

[3] In recent years the Society has been suggesting a Bible reading schedule for the week leading up to the Memorial date. The full schedule will appear in the April issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry.* Why not do more than just read the accounts this year? Some like to pick a time of day when there will be no distractions so they can truly concentrate and meditate on the events that took place in Jesus' life just prior to his death. Others have found that they can visualize the happenings by closing their eyes while playing those portions of the Society's Bible tapes covering the suggested verses. (Ps. 63:6) In this way the action comes to life in our mind's eye and can make a powerful impression, deepening our appreciation. Also, the Society has prepared a new outline that will be used by most Memorial speakers this year. This will provide the same general spiritual refreshment and reminders for the brothers everywhere.

[4] It is surely an appropriate time also to take stock of our own life course. Has your evaluation of Christ's sacrifice for *you* moved you to make the necessary changes in your life to gain his approval? The apostle Peter said of Jesus: "He himself bore our sins in his own body upon the stake, in order that we might be done with sins and live to righteousness." (1 Pet. 2:24) As we reflect on our life course we may note certain adjustments for the good that need to be made.

[5] What about the day we celebrate the Memorial? Some have found they can devote the entire

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Can We Help More to Attend?

[1] Last year on Sunday, April 19, there were 1,463,070 present for the Memorial celebration in the United States. No doubt, the fact that it fell on Sunday, when most people are off from work, helped toward the fine attendance. This year it may not be so convenient for some, but can we aid more to attend? If we put forth a concerted and organized effort we can expect Jehovah's blessing. The following is suggested:

[2] **Week of March 8-14:** Start inviting those with whom you are conducting home Bible studies. Following the study it would be a fine thing to use ten to fifteen minutes to explain why all should be present on April 8. Information about the Memorial celebration, who should partake of the emblems and who should not, along with other fine points could be drawn from the articles "'Born Again'—Man's Part and God's Part" and "What Prevents Me from Getting Baptized?" in the February 1 and 15 issues of *The Watchtower.* Other points from the articles could be considered in succeeding weeks.

[3] **Week of March 15-21:** Invite relatives to attend the Memorial with you. There are many of our relatives who have never attended a meeting of Jehovah's Witnesses. Explain to them that Jesus encouraged his relatives to hear what he had to say and some of his immediate family became believers such as Mary and his brothers Jude and James.—Acts 1:14; Gal. 1:19; Jude 1.

[4] **Week of March 22-28:** Invite *Watchtower* and *Awake!* subscribers and those on our magazine routes. Have you obtained subscriptions to *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* during the past year? If so, no doubt you know where you obtained those subscriptions. Do you have those who take magazines from you regularly on a magazine route? These people as well as subscribers have had the oppor-

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING FEBRUARY 28

Song 39

5 min: Introduction and local announcements. Encourage all to be out in field service first Sunday of the month. Turn in all service reports for February.

20 min: "Can We Help More to Attend?" Have each paragraph read by an assigned brother who reads well. Following the reading of each paragraph discuss with audience how following scriptures relate to points in paragraph. Paragraph 1—Rev. 5:13. Paragraph 2—1 Cor. 11:27. Have February 1 and 15 issues of *The Watchtower* with you and share selected points that could be used. Paragraph 3—Gal. 1:19; Jude 1; Acts 1:14. Paragraph 4—Acts 20:35. Paragraph 5—Rom. 15:1, 2. Paragraph 6—Heb. 10:24, 25.

15 min: "Will You Be an Auxiliary Pioneer in April?" Questions and answers.

5 min: One or two experiences from auxiliary pioneers or regular pioneers that would motivate others to want to share.

Song 63 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 7

Song 97

8 min: Local announcements. Announcements and Theocratic News. Remind publishers that next Saturday, second Saturday of month, is magazine day. Encourage full participation.

12 min: "The Only Cure for Sick Mankind." Questions and answers. When considering paragraph 3 show special talk and Memorial handbills if on hand.

12 min: Briefly review points from paragraph 2 of the article "Can We Help More to Attend?" Have demonstration of publisher speaking with Bible student following home Bible study. Publisher discusses appropriate points from February 1 and 15 issues of *The Watchtower* on meaning of Memorial. Uses handbill for special talk and Memorial invitation to invite Bible student. Conclude with encouragement for all to share with their students the points learned.

13 min: Arrange locally or discuss value of new *Awake!* series "Young People Ask..." and relate field experiences with these articles.

Song 55 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 14

Song 83

5 min: Local announcements and accounts report.

15 min: Briefly review points on helping relatives to attend special talk and Memorial from paragraph 3 of article "Can We Help More to Attend?" How many in audience have relatives who are baptized Witnesses? How many in audience helped those relatives learn truth? Ask some to share their experiences. Have a short demonstration of publisher tactfully speaking with a relative about importance of Memorial celebration. Mentions to relative how many attended last year in 206 lands. (5,987,893) Uses handbills to invite to special talk and Memorial. Relative shows appreciation. As time permits share experiences from *yb71* pp. 228, 278-9, 317 on inviting relatives to meetings.

20 min: "The Most Important Day in 1982." To be handled by an elder. Have a good reader summarize paragraphs and also read the scriptures. Have paragraph read first and discuss points, using the following scriptures as time permits. After text is read ask audience to relate scripture to points in paragraph. Paragraph 1—Matt. 26:14, 15; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19. Paragraph 2—Luke 22:19. Paragraph 3—Prov. 4:20, 21. Paragraph 4—1 Pet. 2:21-25. Paragraph 5—Lev. 23:4, 5; 1 Cor. 5:7. Paragraph 6—Luke 13:24; 1 Cor. 15:58.

5 min: Brother concludes meeting with experience from *w76* p. 679 on how invitation to Memorial prevented a murder and resulted in new disciple.

Song 23 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MARCH 21

Song 109

12 min: Local announcements. Next Saturday is fourth Saturday, magazine day. Give friendly reminder to pick up magazines and prepare. Briefly review points from paragraph 4 of article "Can We Help More to Attend?" and from paragraph 4 of the article "The Only Cure for Sick Mankind." Have short demonstration of how a *Watchtower* subscriber or route call could be invited to special talk this coming Sunday and Memorial on April 8, "with entreaty." Use handbills.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—As an Auxiliary Pioneer." After considering paragraph 1 with audience, ask for show of hands on who plan to be auxiliary pioneers in April. (If none in case of some small congregations, ask those who have been auxiliary pioneers in past to relate experiences and personal impressions of how it helped them.) Were any of those who raised hands housewives with children? If so, interview them on how they plan to get in 60 hours during April and care for their children. If some have older children ask the children how they hope to help parent by doing things at home during month. Will some be taking children along in service or will they be arranging for others to take care of the very young? Do they plan to take a lunch? Let some relate the weekly schedule they plan to follow. Discuss paragraph 3. Are there any who work at a secular job who plan to pioneer in April? What will their schedule be? If there are none, discuss with audience how one who works might manage to spend 60 hours in service. Discuss a tentative schedule. Mention that it is still not too late to enroll for auxiliary pioneering in April. Discuss paragraph 4. Are there any school children who plan to be auxiliary pioneers in April? What schedule do they plan to follow? If no school children have enrolled, discuss a tentative schedule that would allow for 60 hours of service by a student. Also mention there are some regular pioneers still in school who pioneer with parent(s).

13 min: Interview exemplary couple in the congregation on how they got the truth. Highlight part that public talks and other congregational meetings played in their progress toward maturity.

Song 25 and prayer.

Can We Help . . . ? *(Cont'd)*

tunity to feed regularly on the spiritual food provided through these journals. Theirs is often more than a casual interest in spiritual matters. Let us make a special effort to reach such ones and invite them to the special talk on Sunday, March 28, and the Memorial on April 8.

5 **Week of March 29–April 4:** Call on inactive ones and finalize transportation and other necessary arrangements with those who will attend. The secretary can provide names and addresses of any who were active in the past but no longer are. Those who have been assigned by the elders to study with inactive ones can follow the

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Will You Be an Auxiliary Pioneer in April?

1 It is fitting for us to render our "sacrifice of praise" to Jehovah God at every opportunity. (Heb. 13:15; Ps. 44:8) This is especially true during the season when we observe the Memorial of our Lord's death. (2 Cor. 5:15; 6:1, 2) Can you increase your praise to Jehovah by serving as an auxiliary pioneer in April?

2 Annually, many brothers and sisters seize the opportunity to auxiliary pioneer in April. This is one way to show special appreciation for what Jehovah God has done for us and what Jesus Christ did and is doing for us. (Ps. 145:1, 11, 21) April is a fine month for spending additional time in field service. Also, in April many of us have time off from secular work and school because of the world's holidays. In April of 1979, an all-time peak of 51,008, almost ten percent of the Kingdom proclaimers in the United States branch, shared in the auxiliary pioneer work. What a grand witness to Jehovah God we would give this year if at least ten percent, over 55,000 of us, are auxiliary pioneers in April!

WHO CAN BE AUXILIARY PIONEERS?

3 Ask yourself, "Can I be an auxiliary pioneer?" Surely you have thought about it before. Have you ever shared in this work? No doubt many brothers and sisters in circumstances similar to yours have served as auxiliary pioneers. With Jehovah's help, perhaps you can do it too.—Phil. 4:13.

4 The enrollment requirements are not difficult. To qualify, you must be baptized, have good morals and a reputation as an exemplary Christian. You should also have made plans that will enable you to devote 60 or more hours in the field ministry during the month. If you qualify, why not request an application, fill it out and return it to the service committee in your congregation? April is an especially fine time to auxiliary pioneer. Youthful publishers who are still attending school can take advantage of the world's Easter holiday period to engage in the field ministry. Try it. We are confident that you will find the experience enjoyable and spiritually stimulating.

EXPERIENCES OF AUXILIARY PIONEERS

5 Can you be an auxiliary pioneer? Will you be one? These are questions for you to answer. However, the experiences of hundreds of thousands who have been auxiliary pioneers strongly indicate that many others could auxiliary pioneer sometime during the year.

6 A sister in Florida wrote: "I just wanted to express my appreciation for the auxiliary pioneer arrangement. Although working full-time, I was able to enjoy a fine spiritual boost serving as an auxiliary pioneer. I found witnessing from 5-7 p.m. to be very rewarding as I found many people home and I was able to talk with them, even if only briefly at times. Also, I was thrilled to start a Bible study! The brothers were very supportive and I enjoyed working with many different ones during the month. I hope to benefit from this fine provision again."

7 In a number of congregations entire bodies of elders take the lead as auxiliary pioneers at certain times. In California where one body of elders did this, their wives joined them. So did most of the ministerial servants and their wives. When this was announced to the congregation, 26 other publishers also enrolled as auxiliary pioneers for the same month. Can you imagine the joy these 53 brothers and sisters had in the field service and the good results in the territory from this special effort? Their example heightened the congregation's spirituality, and good effects were felt for many months thereafter.

8 Will you be an auxiliary pioneer in April? Prayerfully consider your circumstances. In this connection, heed Paul's exhortation: "My beloved brothers, become steadfast, unmovable, always having plenty to do in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in connection with the Lord."—1 Cor. 15:58.

Can We Help . . . ? *(Cont'd)*

suggestions given for the week of March 8-14. It is not good to assume that interested persons will be able to get to the meeting. It is better to inquire and offer assistance. Then the interested ones are sure that we are sincere in wanting them to attend.

6 The special invitation provided by the Society may be used on all the occasions outlined above. Additionally, it is good to leave an invitation with interested persons we call back on in the territory. It provides a message that will serve as an incentive to attend, giving the time and address of the meeting. If we follow the above suggestions week by week, we may expect that more will be encouraged to attend.

The Only Cure for Sick Mankind

1 This is the striking title of the special public talk to be given in all congregations throughout the United States on Sunday, March 28. What an appropriate subject to hear discussed just prior to the celebration of the Lord's Evening Meal! Yes, the blessings of Kingdom rule all hinge directly on what was accomplished that Friday afternoon, Nisan 14, 33 C.E. God's name was sanctified and a ransom was provided for all mankind who wish to take advantage of it. On the basis of this loving arrangement God has provided a cure for sick mankind.

2 Do you not agree that such a provision merits the attention of all? "However, how will they call on him in whom they have not put faith? How, in turn, will they put faith in him of whom they have not heard? How, in turn, will they hear without someone to preach?" Those pointed questions directed to the Christians at Rome should reach our hearts as well and move us to preach. (Rom. 10:14) And as we preach during the month of March let us use every opportunity to inform people about the special public talk on March 28, followed by the Memorial of Christ's death on April 8.

3 Special handbills have been provided for both of these events. You may want to use the one advertising the public talk in your house-to-house ministry both in magazine work and when presenting the regular offer. But when calling on relatives, making return visits, inviting those with whom you study or extending an invitation to others showing special interest, it would be good to present the two handbills together.

4 The printed invitations can give the necessary information interested ones need but should be presented along with a warm, personal and sincere request that they attend. So imitate the spirit shown by Lydia when she extended an invitation. Acts 16:15 says she spoke "with entreaty!" To entreat means "to make an earnest request; to persuade." Did Lydia's persuading get results? Those who responded said: "She just made us come." As we display a similar spirit during March and April, encouraging honest-hearted persons to assemble with us, just think of the prospect! No doubt thousands will not only hear but will put faith in Him of whom they have heard and will come in line for the only cure for sick mankind.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

As an Auxiliary Pioneer

[1] The month of April will provide many of us with a fine opportunity to serve as auxiliary pioneers. As we thus spend more time in service distributing the special magazines, we will be able to acquaint many persons in the territory with the Kingdom message.

[2] Sisters who are housewives may need to make substantial adjustments in their regular schedules. For example, those with children will have to take them and their needs into consideration. The older children might be able to help in making breakfast or caring for other responsibilities around the home, even doing some of the shopping so that mother can have more time for field service. With pre-school children there is often much greater flexibility. Can they be taken along in service? What about a number of parents taking turns to care for very young children as there may be a need? If automobiles are available for service, could you take along a lunch and eat it in the car to make for better use of time available during the day? Of course, on weekends children out of school can go along in field service.

[3] Those who must work full-time at a secular job would have to make good use of time before and/or after work in order to be auxiliary pioneers in April. Would your employer grant you some adjustments in your daily work hours? Why not consult with him on this? Also plan full days of service on weekends. Get an early start and try to work until late in the day, having in mind contacting the greatest number of persons.

[4] For those who are going to school there are many possibilities not only before and after the regular school hours, but possibly during some of the time while at school. What about using recess periods and lunch time for witnessing to others? Some may be able to witness while commuting to and from work or riding on the school bus. Others may strike up conversations while waiting for public transportation or walking to school. Again, weekends and evenings should be used to the full. Perhaps arrangements can be made with other publishers of school age to work out a schedule and pioneer together in April.

[5] So regardless of your personal circumstances, strive to have a full share in field service. Utilize those times when you can talk to the greatest number of people. Evenings and weekends are fine times to find people at home. During the daytime on weekdays we may approach them also in business areas or on the streets. Our purpose in spending time in field service is to find and talk to people wherever they may be.

[6] Those who have rural territory may find it best to work things out somewhat differently from those who witness in city territory. If you can enroll as an auxiliary pioneer for April, now is the time to finalize your plans and turn in your application. May Jehovah bless your careful planning.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Mankind's Only Solution—God's Kingdom

Matt. 6:10—We pray for it.

Rev. 11:17, 18—What it will do.

Important Day *(Cont'd)*

day to theocratic pursuits. They start the day with a family consideration of the day's text, or do it alone if circumstances so dictate. Heartfelt prayer will surely help us to approach the actual evening celebration in the right frame of mind and with deep appreciation. (Eph. 6:18) Some may be able to take a half day off from secular work, or even the whole day, and share in sacred service along with many others of God's people who make this a special day of worship.

[6] April is usually a month when tens of thousands share in full-time service. Last April in the United States there were 41,887 auxiliary pioneers and in April of 1980 there were 43,083! This is more than double the average number who auxiliary pioneer other months. With the Memorial again falling in April this year, would it not be a fine way to show our sincere appreciation for the loving provision of Christ's ransom sacrifice by sharing in full-time service during April? Now is the time to apply.

[7] As the world around us continues to sink into greater depths of ungodliness, let us show that we are the sort of persons we ought to be "in holy acts of conduct and deeds of godly devotion." (2 Pet. 3:11) Let us plan now to make the Memorial season a time to show special appreciation for what Jehovah accomplished through the death of his Son.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ The first Japanese congregation in eastern United States was recently formed in New York city. The congregation's first report, November, 1981, showed an average of 19 hours, 10 return visits each and 42 home Bible studies, an average of 1.8 per publisher. Twenty-three publishers reported.

◆ Portugal is having its first subscription campaign in 20 years. Even before the campaign had ended more than 10,000 subscriptions had been received. In addition to those received from the publishers, they were being sent in by doctors, engineers, police stations, priests and others.

◆ In the war-torn country of El Salvador more than 30,000 persons recently attended district conventions in three major cities. A busload of brothers returning from the San Miguel convention were caught in the fighting and had to flee in the night. Upon returning to the bus in the morning, they found it riddled with bullet holes but none of their possessions had been taken. All proceeded on their homeward trip. A new peak of 9,087 published in November.

◆ A new peak of 103,181 reported field service in Mexico in November. Their 65 "Kingdom Loyalty" District Conventions were attended by 321,469.

Announcements

● Literature offer for March: Any 192-page book with exception of *"Kingdom Come"* and *Happiness* on contribution of 75c. During March try to distribute books that may be overstocked in your congregation. If you need to order supplies from Brooklyn we suggest you request: *Is This Life All There Is?*, *Holy Spirit* or *Life Does Have a Purpose.* April and May: Subscription for *The Watchtower* on contribution of $3.50 for a one-year subscription. Six-month subscriptions $2.00 each. June and July: *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* on contribution of 75c.

● Circuit overseer slide talks from previous years may be scheduled by congregations whenever convenient. They may be used during the running of the current series of public meeting talks.

● New Publications Available In U.S.A.:

Watch Tower Publications Index for 1979 —German

● Out of Stock in U.S.A.:

Question booklet for *"Babylon the Great has Fallen!" God's Kingdom Rules!* —English

● The presiding overseer or someone appointed by him should audit the congregation accounts on March 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.

DECEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	445	131.1	92.4	51.3	5.1
Pios.	20,459	83.5	60.0	32.6	3.4
Aux. Pios.	16,206	58.7	43.3	19.5	1.7
Pubs.	538,847	8.3	8.1	3.7	.4
TOTAL	575,957				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,521

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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Meetings for Field Service

MARCH 29–APRIL 4
Subscription offer

1. Review Topic for Conversation.
2. What introduction would be appropriate?
3. How would you tie in subscription offer?

APRIL 5-11
Offering the magazines

1. What talking points are you using?
2. How would you use the illustrations?

APRIL 12-18
Being flexible

1. What situations call for being flexible?
2. How can we be flexible in offering literature that meets householders' needs?

APRIL 19-25
When offering the April 22 "Awake!"

1. What would you say to a youth?
2. To a housewife?
3. To a man?

APRIL 26–MAY 2
Listening to householders

1. Why is it necessary to listen?
2. How can we use their comments?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *"Let Your Kingdom Come"*:

April 4:	Pages 103* to 110*
April 11:	Pages 110* to 116
April 18:	Pages 117 to 123
April 25:	Pages 124 to 131

* To or from subheading.

Share in Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom

[1] What a privilege it is to be commissioned by Jehovah God as public announcers of his kingdom! As heralds of this grand government, we have the assigned duty to spread the message of its establishment far and wide. (Matt. 24:14) People must know what the Kingdom is, what its coming means and that now is a time of decision for all.—Compare Mark 1:14, 15.

[2] A marvelous instrument in aiding us to accomplish our work is *The Watchtower*. Since March 1, 1939, the full title of this magazine has been *The Watchtower Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom*. The title describes its primary purpose and distinguishes it from all other magazines. How appropriate it would be for us to highlight this fact during our subscription campaign.

[3] Have you been able to obtain subscriptions in the past? What helped you to do so? Many have said that what helped them was a positive attitude, not allowing timidity to hold them back from offering the subscription at every opportunity. During the subscription campaign last May one auxiliary pioneer set for himself the goal of placing one subscription for each hour of service, that is, 60 subscriptions for the month. That was certainly being subscription-positive! The results? He reported that he was able to obtain 155 subscriptions to *The Watchtower*, and three persons subscribed to *Awake!* What will your goals be for this April and May?

[4] Something that might help you reach your personal subscription goal would be to write up a list of potential subscribers and then make a special effort to contact each one. Good possibilities might be persons who have taken the magazines before, those on magazine routes, Bible students, relatives, neighbors, workmates, classmates, persons who call regularly at your home and others. Likely you can think of many persons who would profit from a regular flow of Bible information about God's kingdom. Will you get at least one subscription this month?

"SEEK CONTINUALLY HIS KINGDOM"

[5] Jesus urged his disciples to 'seek continually God's kingdom.' (Luke 12:31) He thus emphasized the need for us to demonstrate a steady, uninterrupted interest and

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Should We Give Away Literature?

[1] The Society has received numerous reports indicating that much of the literature placed in the field is being given away. Apparently some publishers customarily refrain from asking for contributions for the literature they place. While it is certainly commendable that publishers want to get our fine literature into the hands of the public, always giving it away can present problems. For example, publishers living on a very limited income have been disturbed when they see others giving literature away while they cannot afford to do so. Others have even observed publishers regularly giving away books while in field service. On occasions householders have expressed surprise at the mention of a contribution, stating that previous Witnesses gave a publication to them free of charge.

[2] It is true that there may be some people who really cannot afford to contribute for the literature when you call on them. But in this country such people are few. Have you noticed that many who say they cannot contribute are known to spend money for nonessentials? So is it really wise for us to give away literature when going from house to house? Will it help householders to value the literature? If we do meet someone who says he cannot afford to contribute for the literature, we might offer a booklet, a back issue of one of the magazines or a tract with the expressed condition that he promises to read it. Or we may offer to call back when he would be in a position to contribute for what we are offering.

[3] Householders who say they have no money to contribute for the publications may be given a copy of a tract such as *Is Planet Earth Near the Brink?* Then we can follow through on the initial interest by returning to discuss points in the tract and direct attention to additional scripture texts.

BACK ISSUES OF MAGAZINES

[4] Some publishers occasionally leave back issues of magazines at doors when no one is at home, making sure, of course, that the magazines are completely out of

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MARCH 28

Song 80

10 min: Local announcements. Consider "Bible Reading for Memorial Week." Remind congregation there will be no Theocratic Ministry School and service meeting next week.

15 min: "Share in Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom." Question-and-answer coverage.

20 min: Topic for Conversation. Discussion and demonstration. Review both scriptures with audience and consider possible introductions and points to tie the two scriptures together. Have demonstration of suggested presentation. After short introduction publisher could say: "We are calling on our neighbors because we believe that you are concerned about the future just as we are. As you know, right at this moment the nations have missiles pointed at one another that could virtually wipe all of mankind off the face of the earth in a matter of minutes. Do you think man will eventually find a way to prevent this from happening? Or do you think the Creator of man will need to step in? [Allow for response; be ready to adapt comments.] It is interesting to realize that millions of people have been praying for a solution when they use the words of the well known 'Lord's prayer' or the 'Our Father' prayer. [Read or quote Matthew 6:10.] This model prayer indicates that the kingdom of God is the real solution to man's problems. Yet many people do not feel the Kingdom will come in our day. Can you think of a better time for it to come? Jesus prophetically described the critical conditions that exist today and then said these words recorded in Luke 21:31, 32. [Read.] So this generation that saw the start of the signs in 1914 will see God's kingdom come and put an end to these distressing conditions. But who will rule in this kingdom? Will it have subjects on the earth? People have many questions in their minds about the Kingdom, and these need Bible answers. That is why this magazine has been published. Note its title, *The Watchtower Announcing Jehovah's Kingdom."* Then highlight a particular point in one of the articles and offer the subscription. Conclude part by encouraging all to share in first Sunday of the month activity, using Topic for Conversation in house-to-house work, and making calls to invite people to the Memorial on Thursday, April 8.

Song 105 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 4

Memorial

WEEK STARTING APRIL 11

Song 22

5 min: Local announcements and accounts report.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Magazines." Question-and-answer discussion of first three paragraphs. Demonstrate presentations in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6. Keep presentations *brief* and practical for use in your territory. Analyze presentations with audience as time permits.

15 min: Comments from audience as to last week's Memorial program. Then, talk on need to make return visits on those who attended the Memorial so they can be helped to appreciate need for further association with congregation. If they are not already subscribers to *The Watchtower* they should be encouraged to subscribe and to attend *Watchtower* study. Give general encouragement for all to attend all meetings regularly.

10 min: Cover local needs, or give talk based on "Questions from Readers" in January 15, 1982, *Watchtower,* noting the difference between disassociated and inactive persons.

Song 36 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 18

Song 9

10 min: Local announcements. Also appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

15 min: "Should We Give Away Literature?" Question-and-answer coverage.

20 min: "Giving Them a Helping Hand." Talk by service overseer. Include demonstration of discussion between service overseer and a brother or sister who is being asked to handle study with inactive one. Encourage all to bring January 15, 1982, *Watchtower* next week to consider three articles dealing with honesty.

Song 43 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING APRIL 25

Song 38

5 min: Local announcements.

25 min: "Why Be Honest?" Based on first three articles in January 15, 1982, *Watchtower*. Use "Why So Much Dishonesty?" on page 3 for introduction. Question-and-answer coverage of second article, "Why Be Honest?" (pp. 4, 5) Highlight scriptures. As time allows, consider an experience or two from "They Made It—In Honesty." (pp. 6, 7)

15 min: Interview auxiliary and regular pioneers who have had interesting experiences in field service during April. Line up some ahead of time so they will be prepared. Encourage auxiliary pioneering in May. Since there are five weekends during May, many more may be able to schedule their affairs to share.

Song 62 and prayer.

Give Literature? *(Cont'd)*

sight of passersby. This is not objectionable. However, in congregations where the territory is worked often, people might reason that the magazines are always free if we were to leave magazines at not-at-homes indiscriminately or each time the territory is worked. If another item, such as printed advertising material, is found at a door, it may not be good to leave our magazine on that occasion. So it is good to use discretion in this matter.

[5] Each time free magazines are left, an effort should be made to call again. When using the back issues in such a way, some have found it effective to fold the magazine open to an article they feel would be of particular interest to the householder. This provides a fine opening for conversations when calling on those who were not at home previously.

[6] Jehovah does not want any persons to be destroyed; so we should take advantage of every opportunity to spread the "good news." (2 Pet. 3:9) Some time ago an elder in England was going from house to house and left a copy of *The Watchtower* under a door where no one was at home. The householder was so interested in the contents of the magazine that he phoned Jehovah's Witnesses. A study was started and he made rapid progress, recognizing the truth.

WHEN WITNESSING INFORMALLY

[7] It is understandable that when witnessing informally to relatives or other acquaintances we may wish to present them with a gift-copy of a publication and not ask

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Giving Them a Helping Hand

1 Many of us remember vividly the times when we were given a helping hand by friends or family members. We appreciate what they did in our time of need. Giving a helping hand to fellow Christians is an obligation we may be called upon to fulfill.—3 John 5-8.

2 It was gratifying to learn in January that a concerted effort will now be made to aid those who have become inactive. In this connection, the May 1 *Watchtower* carries an article entitled, 'Return to the Shepherd of Your Souls.' If it is arranged for you to make calls on inactive persons, why not invite them to read through this article with you? Then, in cooperation with the service overseer's direction you may be asked to conduct a regular study with such persons. But how should we go about conducting these studies?

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

3 Our main purpose in conducting a Bible study with an inactive person is to help him to regain his spiritual strength. We want to help him appreciate that Jehovah, out of loving concern for him, has arranged for this additional help through his organization. Lasting results will be achieved only if the individual's relationship with Jehovah is strengthened. If this is done, it will be evident by his renewing his appreciation for Jehovah's organization.

4 The individuals that we will be studying with in this special program are persons who have been baptized as Jehovah's Witnesses. In most cases the study will not be conducted in the *Truth* book. They likely know the basic doctrines of the Bible.

5 The elders will discuss with you what publication might be best to aid the person you are asked to help. It may be that his appreciation for Jehovah's organization needs to be enhanced. The elders may suggest using *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* or some other book that would provide such needed assistance and encouragement.

CONDUCTING THE STUDY

6 No doubt you can remember when you conducted your very first Bible study. You felt the need to prepare well for it. No matter how many times you may have conducted a study since then, you know you will do a better job if you prepare thoroughly ahead of time. (Prov. 25:11) This is especially true regarding studies conducted with inactive brothers and sisters. Paul urged his fellow minister Titus to continue reminding Christians "to be ready for every good work." (Titus 3:1) This suggests being prepared in mind and disposition to handle such an assignment.

7 Questions are especially helpful in effective teaching, as Jesus Christ often demonstrated. (Luke 10:36) When using the printed questions, we want to teach and not be satisfied with answers that are merely read from the publications. It may be appropriate to ask additional questions to stimulate thinking and get the person to put the thoughts into his own words. Leading or viewpoint questions are quite effective in doing this.

8 What a blessing it will be to see some of our brothers who have become inactive really helped by these Bible studies and once again join us in spreading the Kingdom message far and wide! We will rejoice in their spiritual advancement, particularly when we have been able to help personally. May we feel as did the man who searched for one sheep that had strayed. "And if he happens to find it," said Jesus, "I certainly tell you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that have not strayed."—Matt. 18:12-14.

Share *(Cont'd)*

concern for God's government. Also, the apostle Paul urged, "Let us hold fast the public declaration of our hope *without wavering.*" (Heb. 10:23) How can we do this? One important way is by being *regular* in Kingdom-preaching, not allowing a week to slip by without making some effort to spread our Kingdom hope. Have you made definite plans to share in announcing Jehovah's kingdom this week?

6 Remember that the thousands who attend the Memorial celebration with us need special encouragement to maintain an active interest in God's kingdom. How can we help them? One way is to give them a warm personal invitation to join us in our study of the book *"Let Your Kingdom Come."* The family-like atmosphere in our book studies may impress them so that they will come to appreciate the loving provisions made by Jehovah to educate his subjects. It may stimulate them to attend regularly with us.

VALUE YOUR ROYAL SERVICE

7 The Kingdom government is not a product of human imagination. It is a reality and has its ambassadors, along with more than two million earthly subjects who represent it as Kingdom envoys. —Prov. 25:13; 2 Cor. 5:18-20.

Announcements

- Literature offer for April and May: *Watchtower* subscription for $3.50. Six-month subscriptions are $2.00. June and July: *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* on contribution of 75c.
- Starting in July the book *Happiness—How to Find It* will be used in the congregation book studies. No study is scheduled for the week of July 4 to allow for attending the "Kingdom Truth" District Convention. The schedule may be adjusted so that the open week falls at the time your congregation actually attends the convention.
- District convention lapel cards (1c each) in English and Spanish, and the plastic holders (10c each) should be ordered by the congregations on the Literature Order form (S-14). Orders may be sent to the Society after April 1, 1982. Lapel cards will *not* be available at the convention.
- New Publications Available:
  My Book of Bible Stories —Swahili, Tamil
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  "Jehovah's Name to Be Declared in All the Earth"—(Drama) (single cassette) —Portuguese
  To the Romans (single cassette) —French
  To the Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians (single cassette) —Spanish
  The First to the Thessalonians through To Philemon (single cassette) —Spanish
- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
  New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures (Large-print bi8) —English
  Organization for Kingdom-preaching and Disciple-making —English, Spanish

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TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Is God's Kingdom Near?

Matt. 6:10—We pray for it.

Luke 21:31, 32—Nearness of Kingdom.

8 Recognizing that we are speaking for God and Christ should make us conscious of the need to represent them in a fine way. This means that we will want to prepare carefully so that we will present the Kingdom message clearly and understandably. We should not be like employees of political governments who work for a salary, but our labors should spring from a heartfelt faith and desire to honor Jehovah God. We also want to help others to gain salvation. Thus, as we share in announcing Jehovah's kingdom we will not merely be speaking out a message in a formal way. We will seek to use reasoning and persuasion to reach the hearts of our hearers so they also may come to believe and exercise faith.—Acts 28:23.

9 Before the Kingdom puts an end to "all these kingdoms," let us make every effort to announce Jehovah's kingdom and notify people in our territory of the opportunity they now have to come under its security and protection.—Dan. 2: 44, 45.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Magazines

¹ When you read the April and May issues of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* you surely will agree that they deserve a wide distribution. *The Watchtower* of April 15 focuses on the often repeated but little understood "Lord's prayer," while the April 22 *Awake!* contains a series of articles dealing with the desperate plight of young people in this modern world.

² Although millions routinely pray the Lord's model prayer, how many really grasp its vital significance? For many sincere ones it would be a thrilling revelation to learn that God's name is Jehovah, that the kingdom for which they pray is today a reality and that God's will for the earth includes a restored earthly paradise and a resurrection of the dead. We certainly would not want to hold back such vital information as is presented in the April 15 issue of *The Watchtower*.

³ Surely our hearts go out to the millions of young people described in the April 22 *Awake!* Some of them are like 'sheep without a shepherd,' maybe forsaken, unloved and lost in this chaotic and sick world. Given an opportunity to see the Bible's solution for today's problems, might not thousands of these young folks be helped into a secure, happy relationship with Jehovah? We have good reason to show our concern by being enthusiastic and energetic in helping to give these timely magazines wide distribution.

⁴ In offering these magazines, there is no need to give a long and involved presentation. Just one strong reason for reading a selected article will generally be sufficient to stimulate the householder's interest, and then you can make the offer. For example, note this simple presentation: "Good morning. My friends and I are talking with our neighbors about prayers to God. Many of us still use the prayer we learned as children, that is, the 'Lord's prayer' or 'Our Father' prayer. Although having repeated it many, many times, however, some are finding that there is really more to that prayer than what they had previously understood. That is why this special article entitled 'The Model Prayer' has been prepared. The meaning of each phrase in the 'Lord's prayer' is explained from the Scriptures. This is your copy along with *Awake!* for 30 cents."

⁵ Another approach might be: "Good morning. My family and I are taking some time this morning to talk to our neighbors about prayer. Do you think God is still listening to prayers? [Allow for comment] Many people have wondered if God is still listening to their prayers or if they have been praying to God in the right way. These questions are examined in the article 'Does God Listen to Your Prayers?' in this issue of *The Watchtower*. I found it very interesting and helpful and would like to leave you this copy along with *Awake!* for a contribution of 30 cents."

⁶ If you wish to feature *Awake!* in magazine work, you can try this short presentation: "We are making brief calls because of our interest in the young people of our community. Perhaps you are aware that many young persons are very unhappy about life even though they have much materially. In fact, suicide has become a leading cause of death among teenagers. Why is that so? And what do young people need for a meaningful life? These questions are answered in this new issue of *Awake!* We want you to have this copy along with *The Watchtower* for a contribution of 30 cents."

⁷ May Jehovah bless all of us as we use these fine instruments to stimulate interest in his kingdom.

Give Literature? *(Cont'd)*

for a contribution. But when we are talking to strangers, as in house-to-house work, it is best to offer the current literature for the regular contribution. In this way we may be helping persons to appreciate the value of what they have obtained and this may motivate them to read the literature.

OUR VALUABLE LITERATURE

⁸ We do give freely of our time and our energy in sharing the truth with others. This is most appropriate, since Jesus said, "You received free, give free." (Matt. 10:8) Our doing so requires sacrifices of time and also money to cover the expenses of transportation. However, there is no need to feel that we must bear all of the costs for the literature we place with persons in the field. Compared with the expensive popular magazines and books of today, our literature is still available for a reasonable contribution. Usually this is within the reach of just about everyone in this country. The very small contribution that is asked enhances the value of the literature to the householder. There is no reason for anyone to feel he is selling literature just because he asks for a small contribution to cover printing and distribution costs.

⁹ May all of us continue to value the Society's publications highly and aid those we meet in our ministry to do the same, for the knowledge our literature provides can lead to everlasting life.—John 17:3.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Equatorial Guinea's government has extended legal recognition to an association of Jehovah's Witnesses, thus opening the way for Kingdom Halls to be established. The brothers are rejoicing.

◆ The branch in Australia completed their move to new facilities at Denham Court, N.S.W., March 1. They are grateful to have these new facilities for expanding the Kingdom work and appreciate the volunteer help and financial support of the brothers.

◆ For December 1981 Japan reported 65,840 publishers. This was their 36th consecutive peak beginning with January 1979.

◆ The Korea branch moved into newly-constructed facilities at Kongdo during March.

◆ Mexico branch reports a new peak of 103,290 publishers for December.

Bible Reading for Memorial Week

We would like to suggest that during the week leading up to the Memorial, you read the portions of Scripture outlined below. These Bible readings cover the last six days of Jesus' life on earth. We recommend that you read them as a family, but if that is not possible, be sure to read them personally.

Saturday, April 3 (Nisan 9)
  John 12:12-19
  Mark 11:1-11 (19 verses)
Sunday, April 4 (Nisan 10)
  John 12:20-50 (31 verses)
Monday, April 5 (Nisan 11)
  Luke 21:1-36 (36 verses)
Tuesday, April 6 (Nisan 12)
  Mark 14:1-11 (11 verses)
Wednesday, April 7 (Nisan 13)
  Matt. 26:17-19
  Mark 14:12-16
  Luke 22:7-13 (15 verses)
Thursday, April 8 (Nisan 14)
  John 19:1-42 (42 verses)

JANUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	420	128.9	86.3	51.5	5.3
Pios.	20,203	80.5	53.6	32.3	3.4
Aux. Pios.	15,354	57.6	38.5	20.0	1.7
Pubs.	534,271	7.9	7.4	3.7	.4
TOTAL	570,248				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,713

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Meetings for Field Service

MAY 3-9
Presenting the offer

1. Discuss Topic for Conversation
2. When does an introduction arouse interest?
3. Why be subscription conscious?

MAY 10-16
Highlighting the magazines

1. What articles would you highlight?
2. Why do you find them of interest?
3. If the householder is busy, what might you do?

MAY 17-23
Making return visits

1. How can householder be prepared for visit?
2. What objectives might we have?
3. How can Memorial attenders be helped?

MAY 24-30
Being effective in our service

1. Why is a house-to-house record needed?
2. What is its value on return visits?
3. What final effort to get subscriptions could we make?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *"Let Your Kingdom Come"*:

May 2: Pages 132 to 139*
May 9: Pages 139* to 146*
May 16: Pages 146* to 152*
May 23: Pages 152* to 159†
May 30: Pages 160 to 167*

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* To or from subheading.
† Include last paragraph on page.

Effectively Using the Symbolic "Horses"

¹ "The heads of the horses were as heads of lions, and out of their mouths fire and smoke and sulphur issued forth . . . the authority of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with these they do harm." (Rev. 9: 17, 19) Have you seen such horses? Have you worked with them? Yes you have, if you have helped publicize Jehovah's judgment message against false religion, the most reprehensible part of Satan's visible system.

² These symbolic horses of Revelation chapter 9 represent the hundreds of millions of printed publications distributed by Jehovah's Witnesses during these last days under the direction of the anointed remnant. On pages 246 and 247, the book *"Then Is Finished the Mystery of God"* states: "The charging of these symbolic 'horses' increased greatly when the Watch Tower's magazines began to be offered on the streets, from house to house, from store to store." During this one month of May 1982, more than 35 million of these symbolic horses, copies of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!*, will roll off the Society's presses around the world. Will you help distribute them?

WHAT THE "HORSES" ACCOMPLISH

³ This is the 44th consecutive year that the Society has emphasized the importance of having people subscribe to *The Watchtower*. Why? So the horses can do their work! Two great things are accomplished by these unusual 'steeds.' One is that deadly plagues result from the fire, smoke and sulphur issuing from their mouths. In God's Word, horses symbolize war; so we must effectively use these provisions in our spiritual warfare. This takes courage, but we can muster that courage from the "horses" themselves as this is what is represented by their having "heads of lions." The plague is on Christendom and all enemies of God's Messianic kingdom. Let us all be zealously involved in this spiritual warfare in May by offering subscriptions to *The Watchtower*.

⁴ Secondly, there are those whose heart is in full agreement with what the fearsome "horses" are

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Continue Assisting Those Who Attended the Memorial

¹ As Jesus celebrated that first Memorial with his apostles, he said to them, *"Keep doing* this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22: 19) He was referring to that which took the place of the Passover supper. Since we are concerned with those newly interested ones who attended the Memorial last month, how can we help them to associate with us at other congregation meetings? Their spiritual progress in the truth depends on continued assistance.

² Jesus surely set a fine example in this regard. He continued assisting his disciples even though they temporarily abandoned him that eventful night. He said: "All of you will be stumbled in connection with me on this night, for it is written, 'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'" However, he did not reject *them!* His very next words were: "But after I have been raised up, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." —Matt. 26:31, 32.

WHO?

³ Can we also set an example for those who have not yet reached full spiritual strength, in effect, by 'going ahead of them'? Surely the elders will want to take the lead in spiritual matters. (Matt. 28:20) It is the Christian thing to do. Do you not agree? But how? First of all, we have to know *whom* to assist. So if someone you invited did attend, it would be good to let your congregation book study conductor know about that interested person.

HOW?

⁴ The next question is *how* to assist them. We never want to underestimate the powerful effect the Memorial celebration can have on an interested person. It brings home dramatically what God and Christ have done for him or her personally. The Memorial softens the heart and makes it more receptive to further spiritual intake. In an African country a few years ago, a congregation of about 100 publishers put a large sign in front of their meeting place that simply said "MEMORIAL." Then they distributed 1,000 invitations. The result? Nine hundred and

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING MAY 2

Song 116

5 min: Introduction and local announcements. Highlight field service arrangements and encourage participation in magazine work second Saturday of month. Have all field reports been turned in? —Luke 16:10.

15 min: Question-and-answer coverage of article "Effectively Using the Symbolic 'Horses.'"

15 min: Briefly review Topic for Conversation with congregation. Then discuss highlights and talking points in current magazines. What good field points have you noted? Demonstrate two brief magazine presentations highlighting (1) 'Kingdom' articles from May 1 issue, and (2) the articles on women in the May 8 issue. Point out that such magazine presentations can easily be combined with Topic for Conversation to make subscription offer during regular service or when special interest is found. Also, remind brothers to read article "What's Happening in the Schools?" in May 8 *Awake!* Much good would be accomplished if parents encouraged their school-age children to place copies of this issue with their teachers as well as school principals.

10 min: Talk based on article on page 10 of February 8, 1982, *Awake!* "Holy Spirit at Work Today."

Song 16 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 9

Song 31

7 min: Local announcements, accounts report.

20 min: Elder discusses Convention insert from beginning through subheading "Endeavor to Be a Good Listener." Read key paragraphs, as time allows. Stress importance of attending all sessions and need for all to concentrate on program.

18 min: "Continue Assisting Those Who Attended the Memorial." Discussion with audience by book study conductor. Interview other publishers or conductors briefly as to what they have done to follow up Memorial interest.

Song 15 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 16

Song 8

5 min: Local announcements and *Our Kingdom Ministry* Announcements.

8 min: How can we use current magazines in the field? Discuss with audience interesting talking points. May 15 *Watchtower* contains "The Signs of the Times—What Do They Mean to You?" May 22 *Awake!* has as the cover theme "Sports—Why the Increasing Violence?" Many have found they can interest householder by simply asking the question: "Have you ever wondered why . . ." and then lead into a current magazine article. If you have specific points to show, interest is often aroused so persons will want to know more.

27 min: Elder discusses with congregation Convention insert from subheading "Conduct While Attending Convention" to conclusion. Highlight the need to demonstrate Christian love and consideration for others relative to saving seats. Encourage all to provide wholesome example for others to follow.

5 min: Have publishers relate experiences on obtaining subscriptions and what they hope to do to follow up interest. Encourage brothers to call back and renew offer to those who indicated they may subscribe at a later date. Also encourage offering subscriptions on return visits and to Bible students.

Song 49 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING MAY 23

Song 51

7 min: Local announcements. Comments on service accomplished by congregation in previous month. Note also February Service Report. Encourage brothers to show spirit of Romans 11:13.

10 min: Question-and-answer discussion of article "Covering Unworked and Unassigned Territories." Consider how congregation able to give attention to more thorough coverage of its own territory if it is not possible to share in working unassigned areas.

12 min: Question-and-answer discussion of the article "Presenting the Good News—Caring for 'Not-at-Homes.'" Include points from *Our Kingdom Service* of June 1981, page 3.

16 min: Over the years many have associated with the truth, perhaps attending meetings for a time or even becoming publishers, but then drifted away for one reason or another. Elder can give brief talk highlighting points from May 1, 1982, *Watchtower* article 'Return to the Shepherd of Your Souls.' Encourage study conductors to cooperate with the service overseer and secretary in arranging visits on those who might appreciate this article. We want to leave it with them, perhaps study it with them if convenient and give them encouragement to come to meetings. By working with the service overseer and secretary we can avoid a duplication of effort. However, any publisher who has someone in mind needing help might suggest it to the secretary so that none are missed. Prepare two demonstrations by qualified publishers to illustrate application of points in talk. One can show publisher just leaving the magazine and encouraging former associate to read the article and come to meetings, possibly referring to Proverbs 2:20-22 to show need to keep close to Jehovah. The next demonstration can show publisher being invited into home, presenting magazine and suggesting they spend a little time going through the material. Publisher then proceeds with study of the article.

Song 102 and prayer.

Continue Assisting (*Cont'd*)

sixty-six persons were in attendance! The account ended by saying: "Much interest was aroused, and this is now diligently being followed up by home Bible study activity."

5 In most cases our meeting places are already identified. However, this experience points up two things that can be done to assist Memorial attenders. One is to direct them to the meetings and the other is to study with them. If help is needed, the book study conductor may be able to assist you in getting a regular home Bible study started. It may require a series of well-planned and well-timed return visits to accomplish this.

6 The rate of progress a new one makes is often directly related to how much personal reading and study he does on his own. Inquire to see if he is receiving the magazines through the mail. Does he have the latest bound books, particularly the one being studied at the congregation book study? Has he obtained a *Yearbook* and does he know about the provision of the daily text and comments? In most cases, we would not try to provide all of these things at once, but help them to appreciate that

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1982 "KINGDOM TRUTH" DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Those who desire to gain God's approval must walk in his truth and serve him in truth. (Josh. 24:14) True Christians must carefully follow the direction outlined in the Bible, if they are to walk in the truth. This was done by the first-century Christians as testified to by the apostle John who wrote to a fellow believer named Gaius. John stated: "For I rejoiced very much when brothers came and bore witness to the truth you hold, just as you go on walking in the truth. No greater cause for thankfulness do I have than these things, that I should be hearing that my children go on walking in the truth." (3 John 3, 4) Our convention this summer will highlight the theme "Kingdom Truth." It will help us to appreciate better Jehovah's word of truth and the need to keep proclaiming this Kingdom truth to others. (Matt. 28:19, 20) *Our Kingdom Ministry* for February provided helpful information about rooming accommodations and listed the convention cities and dates. By this time you have no doubt made your initial plans.

ATTEND ALL FOUR DAYS: Make every endeavor to attend all four days of the convention. The opening session will begin at 1:20 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. This will allow most of the brothers to travel to the convention city on Thursday morning and thus cut down expenses.

It has been observed that in the past some of our brothers have not been attending the convention on Thursday and Friday. They have hesitated to take time off from secular employment. If this has been true in your case, please give consideration to putting forth a special effort so that you can be at the convention all four days, not just on the weekend. Admittedly this may necessitate making other sacrifices. But we are confident that Jehovah will richly bless the effort that you put forth.

As you know, in many parts of the world our brothers overcome great obstacles in order to gather together with their brothers at conventions. Last summer a married couple from Eastern Europe traveled over 240 miles on a tandem bicycle in order to be with their Christian brothers who were assembling in Austria. By special effort a 74-year-old sister in the United States who had lost both legs was able to be in attendance at a district convention last year. She put forth great effort and the local brothers rendered loving assistance. It was necessary to lift her in a sling into the back seat of an automobile, and when arriving at the convention site, the procedure had to be reversed in order to get her into a wheelchair. Despite her handicap, this faithful sister was able to attend and was richly blessed as a result. Perhaps you know of other individuals from your congregation or circuit who have put forth similar effort. Are we not all encouraged and stimulated to follow their wholesome example?

It is strongly recommended that you attend the convention to which your circuit is assigned, as outlined in *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Of course, some may have extenuating circumstances, such as prearranged vacation dates that cannot be changed, the need to assist relatives living in another area, and so forth. The Society endeavors to determine in advance the approximate attendance at each of the conventions. This information is then used to determine what accommodations are needed and what supplies, such as food and literature must be ordered. When many of the brothers do not cooperate, serious problems can result.

ENDEAVOR TO BE A GOOD LISTENER: All should strive to be in their seats on time and concentrate on the program. This is not always easy as we must sit for extended periods of time and may be faced with distractions that can easily break our train of concentration. A purpose of the convention is to assist us to act on what we hear. Therefore, we do not want to rob ourselves of this important reason for attending by failing to give the program the attention that it merits. At Proverbs 1:5 we are told: "A wise person will listen and take in more instruction, and a man of understanding is the one who acquires skillful direction." Listening involves paying attention and this requires concentration. We will want to give our full attention to the speaker, being determined to listen earnestly with our ears, mind and heart. When our minds start to wander, we must refuse to give in, so as not to become mentally lazy. Rather, we should continue to focus our attention on the program.

What are some things that will help? (1) Each day fix in your mind the convention theme and the theme for the day. Thereafter, as each part is presented, endeavor to tie in the information with these basic themes. (2) Take brief notes. These will assist in isolating the key thoughts and Bible texts, impressing them on your mind. (3) During each talk or presentation, think of constructive questions related to the subject and watch to see if the speaker answers them. (4) Reflect on what the speaker says, summarizing it, reviewing it, fixing it firmly in your mind and heart. (5) Listen with the right motive, not to criticize either the material or delivery, but to get points that will help you to understand the truth better. (6) Endeavor to get proper rest at night, and do not overeat before sessions. (7) At the completion of each day's program take time to review the information presented. This will assist you to remember and act upon what you heard. (Ps. 49:3; 77:11, 12) Are you a good listener? In what areas could you improve? A good time to put these suggestions into practice in advance is while attending congregation meetings locally.

CONDUCT WHILE ATTENDING CONVENTION: In reporting on the 1981 district convention where he attended, an appreciative elder reported: "The program was excellent and the message was very timely and clear." Commenting further, he said: "Most were very attentive; there was very little activity in the hallways, etc. The brothers demonstrated respect for the information that was presented." At another convention site the stadium manager volunteered this comment: "I was at the stadium on Saturday afternoon and listened to several of the talks. I was impressed at your discipline and orderliness. I have never seen the likes of it in this stadium before. Please tell your brothers and sisters that we are grateful that you came." Jehovah is most pleased when our conduct reflects favorably our fine Christian training and brings honor to God's name.

Each year direction is given related to the saving of seats. This matter continues to be a problem and warrants our frank consideration. Please do not unnecessarily save seats so that others are forced to spend time walking around looking for a place to sit. Let us consider a few examples of what has happened. One family of four reported that they experienced difficulty locating seats due to the fact that countless seats were saved early each morning for individuals who had not yet arrived. On the final day of the convention this family rose at 5:30 a.m. and were at the convention site before the doors were opened. At 7:00 a.m. the friends were allowed to enter and immediately they dispersed in all directions in a frantic effort to locate choice seats. Within the first 15 minutes it was reported that literally hundreds of the best seats had been covered with magazines, Bibles, and programs by a few brothers and sisters who were representing their families and friends. In some cases entire rows were reserved.

It is one thing to save seats for one's immediate family, an infirm publisher, or perhaps a newly interested person you have invited, but is it loving for an individual to reserve several seats or entire rows of seats and then give them to personal acquaintances? An interested person agreed to take his family, who were Jehovah's Witnesses, to a convention last summer. He later reported that they rose early and were at the convention site nearly two hours before the morning program began. For the next 30 minutes they combed the entire grandstand area, looking for four seats together. None could be found. Countless seats were saved, but not occupied. Finally they located a wooden bench in the bleacher area. Halfway through the morning session, while taking his young son to the restroom, this interested person observed that several of the "saved" seats in the grandstand area were still empty! Other reports indicate that at some locations whole blocks of seats were reserved. Some even have attempted to save seats overnight. The sad thing is that sometimes these seats are still unoccupied hours after the program begins.

When a person attends a public event, it is not uncommon to be charged an admission fee that entitles that individual to one seat. Jehovah's Witnesses do not charge admission, as we are guests of the Society. However, guests normally do not have at their disposal more than one seat per person. He does not take it upon himself to reserve seats and assign them out to others as though he were the host. Do we demonstrate appreciation for the Society's loving provision and are we considerate of the needs of our dear brothers and sisters? Do we go out of our way to assist others so that they will be more comfortable? Do we demonstrate genuine consideration for others, regarding them as superior to ourselves and reflect the fruitage of the spirit in this regard? (Phil. 2:3; Gal. 5:22, 23; 1 Cor. 13: 2-8) What have you observed in the past? What can you and your family do to help alleviate this problem?

If we are holding a seat or two and the session starts, our Christian conscience should move us to relinquish any seat we are saving, unless we know that the one who is to sit there will arrive soon. Please cooperate fully with the attendants in these matters. How refreshing it is to see our brothers, including children, freely offering their seats to elderly or infirm persons who may not have found a place to sit and listen. By showing such loving concern we demonstrate that we really have the truth and are sincerely concerned about the physical and spiritual needs of others.—Phil. 2:4; 1 Pet. 2:12.

During sessions it is important that we be considerate of those around us. If we engage in conversation with family and friends while the program is in progress, we not only miss vital information ourselves but also disturb others nearby. If a small child begins to cry and you are unable to quiet him quickly, it shows loving consideration to take him to an area where he will not disturb others. It is good when children are sitting with their parents and paying attention to the program. As parents, do we always arrange to have our children sit with us and keep them with us, even before and after the sessions? Occasionally children of Witness parents have involved themselves in mischief that has harmed persons and property. As Christian parents, have we properly supervised our family? As children, are we quick to follow our parents' direction?—Deut. 6:7; 31:12.

The majority of Jehovah's Witnesses, both young and old have demonstrated wholesome conduct while in convention cities and this has not gone unnoticed by the public. Many sincere persons are impressed and some even have investigated the truth as a direct result of observing our Christian conduct. At hotels, motels and private homes where we are accommodated, we will especially want to demonstrate wholesome conduct. Do not be thoughtless or make loud noises that will be disturbing to others. We still receive reports of children playing by themselves on elevators or running uncontrolled in hallways. At one motel, Witness children left so many bars of soap in the swimming pool that the filtering system became completely plugged, resulting in serious problems for the management. Some conventioners, in making arrangements for accommodations, reserved blocks of rooms and then failed to keep their commitment, without letting the management know of their change of plans. Could we perhaps show more concern in these areas?

FIELD SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS: Arrangements will be made at each convention for field service on Friday following the conclusion of the afternoon session at 4:05. This will give all the opportunity to participate in the service in the early evening. We are pleased that at most conventions last year the field service arrangements were well supported. At one convention with over 7,000 in attendance, it was estimated that approximately 5,000 shared in the ministry. This is indeed very commendable and reflects the zealous spirit that we should all demonstrate.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: Much work goes into the preparation of our conventions and many volunteer workers are needed. As in the past, various departments will take the initiative, inviting individuals in advance to assist. However, some of the larger departments will still need many more volunteers. Your congregation's convention coordinator will receive information listing departments still in need of volunteers and he will make this known in the congregation. No volunteer service applications will be sent to the congregations.

Children 16 years of age or under must work together with a parent or other adult at all times. We encourage parents and their children to volunteer and work together, if possible.

There will be need for some last-minute volunteers. If you want to assist, please go to the Volunteer Service desk when arriving at the convention. The responsible brothers will inform you of where help is needed. Your willing service will be very much appreciated and will help toward the operation of a successful convention.—Acts 20:35.

FOOD NEEDS: Food and drink will once again be provided, following the procedure that has been used in recent years. We are most thankful for the hard work of our brothers and sisters who provide for our physical needs. As in past years, there may be surplus food available at the conclusion of the Sunday program. If so, perhaps you could purchase some of these items before returning home. Your cooperation in this will be a fine contribution indeed.

The convention tickets in sheets worth $1 (10 tickets of 10c value) will be used for purchasing food and drink. The convention organization will make these tickets available to your congregation and you may purchase them a few weeks in advance so as to save standing in line when you first arrive at the convention site. It is suggested that you obtain enough food tickets in advance to care for your needs for the first two or three days of the convention. These tickets can be used for surplus food purchases as well.

Conventions have played a vital role in the lives of Jehovah's people, both in Bible times and today. It is important that we take full advantage of the provision again this year as, without doubt, it will prove to be one of the highlights of the 1982 service year. With keen anticipation we look forward to the 1982 "Kingdom Truth" conventions and we are confident that the program will be both stimulating and faith-strengthening, aiding us to remain "steadfast, unmovable, always having plenty to do in the work of the Lord."—1 Cor. 15:58.

It is suggested that each publisher or family group take this insert with them to the convention and review this information on the first day. This will serve to remind and encourage us to apply the direction that has been given.

District Convention Reminders

ROOMING: Your cooperation in using the listing of accommodations provided by the convention in selecting your rooms is very much appreciated. If you have not already made a reservation and forwarded a deposit, it is necessary to do so immediately if you are planning to stay overnight in the convention city. Congregation convention coordinators should be sure that Special Needs Room Request Forms have been promptly forwarded to the appropriate convention address. If you find it necessary to cancel your accommodations selected from the listing, you should write or phone the hotel/motel directly, doing so as far in advance as possible. If you must cancel an accommodation made through the Special Needs arrangement you should notify both the landlord or hotel/motel and the convention Rooming Department so the room may be reassigned.

The convention Rooming Department will provide, upon your request, available information on any commercial trailer and camping facilities in the convention area. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request.

BAPTISM: At most locations, the immersion will be on Saturday. Those who wish to symbolize their dedication by water baptism should have reviewed the 80 questions and also chapter six in the *Organization* book with the elders prior to the convention. A bathing suit and towel should be brought by each one who plans to be baptized.

PROGRAM TIMES: It is the course of wisdom and shows appreciation to be in our seats when the program begins. That will be at 1:20 p.m. on Thursday, 9:50 a.m. on Friday and at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. The same qualities are displayed when we do not plan to leave before the sessions conclude. The closing song and prayer will be at 4:50 p.m. on Thursday. Friday afternoon will be set aside for a special effort in field service and so the sessions will conclude by 4:05 p.m. On Saturday the closing song and prayer are scheduled at 4:50 p.m., and on Sunday at 4:40 p.m.

BETHEL AND GILEAD MEETINGS: There will be a meeting on Friday at 1:00 p.m. for any dedicated publishers between 19 and 35 years of age who are U.S. residents and would like to enter Bethel service. A meeting will be held on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. for pioneers between the ages of 20 and 40 who are interested in attending Gilead School to receive training for missionary service.

PIONEER IDENTIFICATION: All *regular* and *special* pioneers as well as traveling overseers will need to bring their Watchtower Identification and Assignment card (S-202) to the convention. Those on the list for six months at the time of the district convention they attend may receive $15.00 worth of convention tickets upon presentation of their Watchtower Identification and Assignment card at that one convention only. Treat the card as carefully as cash. It cannot be replaced at the convention. Any free releases or other literature at pioneer rates will be available to pioneers at the bookroom only upon showing their Watchtower Identification and Assignment card. Those in Bethel service may obtain any free releases or other literature at pioneer rates at the bookroom by showing their Bethel Identification card.

LAPEL CARDS: These cards are provided as a means of advertising the convention as well as to facilitate identifying our brothers and sisters in attendance. To this end, please *wear* the lapel card at the convention and also while traveling to and from the convention site. Not only is the card a fine means of identification but it so often results in giving a fine witness while traveling. You should obtain these through your congregation as they will *not* be available at the conventions. You will note that the lapel card has been designed in such a way that it may be used again for circuit assemblies until next summer. The lapel cards are 1c each and the celluloid holders are 5c each.

A WORD OF CAUTION: Regardless of where you park, you should lock your vehicle at *all* times and *never* leave anything visible inside. Keep your belongings locked inside the trunk, if possible. Also, guard against thieves and pickpockets who are attracted by large gatherings. This includes not leaving anything of value unattended on seats at the conventions.

Covering Unworked and Unassigned Territories

1 What would you think of a farmer who repeatedly went out to plant seed in the plot of ground next to his home, but never got around to planting the fertile plot some distance away? Obviously he would get better results if he tried to grow crops on more of his land.

2 Yet it is sometimes like that when it comes to working territory. We may work in certain territories repeatedly, and yet other territories may not be worked. It is true that some territories are scattered or difficult to reach and the increasing cost of transportation can be a factor. It is also true that some territories are more productive than others. (Compare Matthew 13:3-8) But still, we want to give everyone the opportunity to hear the "good news" by planting the Kingdom seed to the extent we can.

3 With this in mind the brother assigned to care for the territory records encourages the local publishers and pioneers to check out territories that are less frequently worked. This may not be possible for everyone, but with good cooperation the congregation may be able to give better coverage of its territory. Sometimes more distant territories can be worked in good summer weather when days are longer and by enlisting the help of pioneers, auxiliary pioneers or others who are out in service regularly. Study conductors can also encourage their groups to share. You may find that people are more responsive in territories that have not been worked recently. What can you do to take the "good news" to them?

4 Besides these territories held by congregations, there are also unassigned areas. At the beginning of 1982 the territory desk in Brooklyn reported there were 344 counties or parts of counties that needed to be worked. Information was given to the congregations about this in a letter of January 1, 1982, and *Our Kingdom Ministry* for February contained additional information.

5 If your congregation is in a position to help cover such territory during the coming months, why not write the Society to inquire about territories that need attention? There is considerable territory not being worked in the midwest and some in other areas. Territories may contain from 1,500 to 5,000 or more people, usually in scattered areas. With several car groups from a congregation working on weekends, many of these territories could be worked in a month or two.

6 Even a pioneer or a family group can be assigned such territory if it is available and request is made to the Society. Assignments are made on a temporary basis for no more than three months. Such activity would make vacation months long to be remembered. It would take fairly regular service for a family to cover one of these counties adequately during a vacation period. This would be a serious responsibility to accept. But if these people are just called on once this year, how many more opportunities will they have to hear and accept the truth this side of the "great tribulation"? (Matt. 24:21) This serves to emphasize the need not just to find the interest but to cultivate it to the extent possible by return visits, studies and even by correspondence. In this way those who love the truth, no matter how difficult they are to find or how isolated, can have the opportunity to become part of Jehovah's great earth-wide family of praisers.—Eccl. 11:6; Isa. 54:13.

7 It may even be that you are in a position to move to where the need is greater, whether in this country or elsewhere. The Society can tell you where help is needed, or your circuit overseer may be able to tell you of a nearby congregation needing help in regularly covering its territory. If you decide to write the Society, discuss it with the elders first to get the benefit of their advice. Please ask them to include a brief letter along with yours, giving us their recommendations. The *Organization* book gives more information on this on pages 134 and 135. Jesus said that he would have witnessing done in "the most distant part of the earth." (Acts 1:8) Besides the considerable need to reach people in various parts of this country there is an even greater need in many other places. Are you in a position to help?

8 The *Yearbook* reports on lands where there are hundreds of thousands and even millions of inhabitants for each Kingdom publisher in the country. Presently the world ratio of publishers to population is about one to 1,900—a large assignment for each dedicated Christian. So let each one do as much as he can to help in covering unassigned and unworked territories while there is yet time. (Mark 13:10) True, persecution and other problems face us in these critical "last days." Nevertheless, in keeping with Jesus' command at Matthew 24:14 we want to persevere in reaching as much of the earth's population as possible. By doing our part in proclaiming the Kingdom message before Armageddon comes, we can confidently leave the outcome in Jehovah's hands.

Announcements

- ● Literature offer for May: *Watchtower* subscription for one year on a contribution of $3.50. Six-month subscriptions are $2.00 each. June and July: *"Kingdom Come"* book with any of the following older, large-size books in the congregation's stock. *'Impossible to Lie,' "Life Everlasting," God's Kingdom . . . Has Approached, Man's Salvation, From Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained, 'Name Sanctified'* or *You May Survive Armageddon,* for a contribution of $1.00. Publishers may obtain these older, large-size books from the literature counter for 25c each. Congregations may request 75c credit for each large-size book placed over the counter during June and July. Credit should be requested by use of the Remittance and Credit request form on the lines below "other items." The book *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand* may be ordered from the Society. August: *"My Book of Bible Stories"* for $2.50 or a 192-page book for 75c as an alternative.
- ● Congregations are encouraged to make arrangements for field service on May 31 which is a holiday.
- ● Any brothers traveling to foreign countries and wishing to have Kingdom Hall addresses and meeting times in such countries should write directly to the branch office in the country(s) to which they are going and ask for such information. Branch addresses may be found in the back of the *1982 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses.*

Continue Assisting *(Cont'd)*

God is pleased with spiritual progress.—1 Tim. 4:15.

7 Getting acquainted with others in the congregation often serves as a springboard to increased association. New ones need friendships to fill the vacuum caused by the loss of previous associates. So occasionally take your book study conductor or another elder or ministerial servant with you when you conduct your home Bible study. In this way the new one will not feel he is a stranger when he begins to attend additional meetings.

8 If a baptized but inactive person attended the Memorial, be sure that arrangements are made to give spiritual assistance in harmony with the program outlined in the January issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry.*

9 The continued assistance Jesus gave his disciples produced mature Christians. He did not abandon them. As we follow his example today, undoubtedly many more will progress spiritually and come to realize the full benefits of Christ's ransom sacrifice. Let us continue assisting those who attended the Memorial.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Caring for "Not-at-Homes"

¹ In order to help honest-hearted people to benefit from the Kingdom message it is necessary to talk to them. However, finding people at home is becoming increasingly difficult. Often we find that most people are not at home when calls are made during the daytime, and particularly is this true on weekdays.

² Therefore when working the territory we need to keep a record of the "not-at-homes." Possibly you have found it helpful to leave more than one line on the house-to-house record so that there will be sufficient room to enter additional information as future efforts are made. Keeping the record neat and legible can be helpful to you as well as make it easier for others who may use the record for calling at times when you are not able to do so.

³ When notations are made that a person is not at home, in addition to the date, indicate any literature you left under the door. If you leave a tract it would be helpful to show the number of the tract. In this way if the person is not at home when you call again, a different tract can be left. Then when the person is finally contacted, you will know what the individual has already received and this might provide a basis for a friendly discussion.

⁴ Usually it is best to try a different day or hour each time you call where someone was not at home previously. More people may be found at home in the evenings. If you cannot set aside an entire evening for calling on "not-at-homes," have you tried leaving early for the congregation meetings, making calls along the way? If you have been working territory near where you live, then little or no additional time or expense for extra travel would be involved. Of course, others in the group also may be able to make calls using the information on your house-to-house records, or they may have their own not-at-home calls in that same territory.

⁵ In determining if literature should be left at "not-at-homes," have in mind not leaving anything that would be visible to would-be intruders. We would not want to do anything that would make problems for the householder, or reflect unfavorably on the Kingdom message.

⁶ Where persons cannot be contacted, after several calls have been made at different times, why not try to contact the householder by telephone? When calling you may find it effective to mention your name first and state that you are calling because of not having been able to contact the individual when you called personally at his home. Also, you can refer to whatever tract or other literature was left as indicated on the house-to-house record, briefly mentioning its contents. Depending on the response of the householder, you may then be able to proceed with your presentation of the "good news."

⁷ As we endeavor to contact all people in our territory, putting forth a diligent effort actually to talk with each one, we can be confident that Jehovah's rich blessing will attend our efforts.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Is God's Kingdom Near?

Matt. 6:10—We pray for it.

Luke 21:31, 32—Nearness of Kingdom.

"Horses" *(Cont'd)*

accomplishing. The lion also pictures justice, and many sheeplike ones see the justice of the strong judgment messages printed in *The Watchtower*. Such ones need to receive it on a regular basis by subscribing. In time, it can also make them courageous enough to take their stand on the side of "the Lion that is of the tribe of Judah," Jesus Christ. (Rev. 5:5) *The Watchtower* has helped you to do so. Is that not so? You are therefore in a fine position to recommend it to others.

BE SKILLFUL IN WARFARE

⁵ You can appreciate that it would take skill to ride a spirited war steed such as the "horses" described in Revelation chapter 9. What does that symbolic language mean to us during this *Watchtower* subscription campaign? It means being thoroughly familiar with the contents of the magazines we offer and having given some advance thought to how best to present them. By so doing we can acquire skill in placing the magazines and obtaining subscriptions. We can become skillful in reaching the heart and motivating people to investigate the truth.

⁶ The information appearing in the May 1 and May 15 issues of *The Watchtower* is striking and designed to accomplish the two things mentioned above. Information in the series of articles on God's kingdom in the May 1 issue and then some of the powerful information presented at last year's "Kingdom Loyalty" District Conventions appearing in the May 15 issue is like fire, smoke and sulphur to Satan's system. Those with an honest heart cannot help but recognize it as the truth. As you read such articles as "The Signs of the Times—What Do They Mean to You?" "The Critical Hour Nears!" and "How You Must Act!" why not take note of field points that would help you to be effective in offering the subscription during May?

FEBRUARY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.
Sp'l Pios.	409	132.2	93.9	51.4	5.6
Pios.	20,398	80.9	57.0	31.6	3.5
Aux. Pios.	12,466	59.2	40.6	20.2	1.9
Pubs.	548,559	8.2	7.8	3.7	.5
TOTAL	581,832				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,586

For a midwinter month February's service report is very encouraging. The total number of publishers is the highest for this service year and second only to the all-time peak reached last August. Another outstanding feature of the report shows 17,619 more home Bible studies were conducted compared to a year ago. May Jehovah give the increase as we zealously press forward with our Kingdom ministry.

A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

⁷ Some have held back from offering subscriptions to *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* because of the increased subscription rate. Should we feel that way? Well, look at it this way, when the subscription was offered for one dollar per year that represented about one-tenth of the subscription rate of popular magazines. The present subscription rate of $3.50 per year reflects about the same ratio. But when you contrast the value of the lifesaving message of our journals with the hopeless panorama of world conditions depicted in others, the subscription rate becomes insignificant.

⁸ "The authority of the horses is in their mouths," Revelation says. Will you let the courageous, lionlike mouths of the symbolic horses speak during May by your having an active part in offering subscriptions and individual magazines? Although magazine placements increased during the past year, they are still considerably lower than they were a few years ago. As skilled warriors we never want to say 'retreat.' Rather, let the symbolic horses charge into the fight, confident that the prophetic words of Revelation 9 will be fulfilled. Let us all effectively use *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* during May!

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Meetings for Field Service

MAY 31–JUNE 6
Offering
"Let Your Kingdom Come"

1. Why is this book so timely for use in field service?
2. What presentation have you found effective?
3. How do you use the current Topic for Conversation with the book?

JUNE 7-13
Informal witnessing

1. What local opportunities are there for informal witnessing?
2. What discretion is needed when witnessing informally?

JUNE 14-20
Working together in service

1. What are some advantages of working with a companion?
2. How can we help each other?

JUNE 21-27
Helping young publishers

1. Why should young ones be encouraged to share in service?
2. What are some ways our young publishers might share in preaching?

JUNE 28–JULY 4
Presenting magazines effectively

1. What articles in current issues have you enjoyed?
2. What points or articles would appeal to people locally?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION
Is God's Kingdom Near?
Matt. 6:10—We pray for it.
Luke 21:31, 32—Nearness of Kingdom.

Proclaim the Kingdom Hope Throughout Our Territory

1 Commencing with June and continuing through July we have the opportunity of again using the fine Bible study aid *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* in our field service activity. As was previously announced, arrangements have been made to offer this book along with an older large-size book for a contribution of $1.00. These two months are usually district convention months for us and this means there may be some interference with our regular participation in the field ministry in our home territories due to traveling to and from and attending a district convention. However, that should not prevent our having a share in using this book in our preaching and teaching activity.

2 There continue to be various avenues of field service activity open to us whereby we can share with others the timely message in the book *"Let Your Kingdom Come."* The door-to-door ministry, whether in our home territory or at the convention we attend, can include having this publication along with us. Every chapter of this publication offers talking points that can be used with householders. No doubt you have already developed an interesting introduction from some portion of the book that has worked well for you in speaking to people. However, the following are some suggestions you might wish to try.

SUGGESTED PRESENTATIONS

3 Note chapter 18 entitled "The Kingdom Triumphant!" On page 174 the introductory words ask: "Will mankind be destroyed off this earth?" Certainly in view of current conditions there are many among our neighbors who ask, or have heard others ask, if this will really happen. It is the type of introduction that may well bring a response from the householder and that could lead into the next two sentences of that opening paragraph which say: "No. And the Kingdom is the reason why." From that point you can proceed, according to the householder's reactions, and endeavor to show how this publication answers numerous questions in the minds of people about that kingdom for which many have prayed for so long.

4 The first chapter with its delightful picture of paradise-like conditions on pages 4 and 5 also offers an introduction that can be simple but very appealing. Something might be said such as: "I'd like you to look at this very beautiful picture of the kind of world

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Keep Kingdom Foremost in Planning Summer Activities

1 Summertime means different things to different persons. For many worldlings, it is a time to 'plan ahead for the desires of the flesh.' (Rom. 13:14) Sadly, these usually find that their selfish works do not bring them inner satisfaction and happiness. On the other hand, God's people find the summer months filled with fine theocratic activities that do bring them much spiritual and physical refreshment. However, to make the most of our opportunities during warmer weather requires careful planning.

2 First on the list of activities this summer there are the "Kingdom Truth" District Conventions. Have you made definite plans to attend, arranging for transportation and accommodations, if necessary? You must make haste because the conventions begin this month. In your convention plans, can you include someone in the congregation needing assistance in getting to the convention? This may be a fine way to get better acquainted with a brother or sister you may not know so well. Also, you will likely meet up with old acquaintances at the convention. Would you like to spend time with them? Why not plan to work together in field service following the Friday afternoon session?

3 Have you been looking forward to a vacation for yourself and your family? This will no doubt allow you to "rest up a bit" so you can return to your normal routine with renewed vigor and enthusiasm. (Mark 6:31) While being conscious of the need for relaxation, never forget what makes for genuine happiness and contentment—our spirituality. (Matt. 5:3) Arrange to keep your own spirituality and that of your family at a high level during the summer. How might this be done?

4 Traveling to some scenic loca-

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

Note: *Our Kingdom Ministry* will schedule a Service Meeting for each week during the summer. Each congregation may make adjustments to allow for attending the district convention and then for a review of the program highlights on the Service Meeting the following week.

WEEK STARTING MAY 30

Song 11

8 min: Local announcements. Encourage all to participate in field service first Sunday of June. Briefly outline service arrangements.

15 min: Who May Share in Field Service? Talk by service overseer along with audience participation covering pages 128-130 in *Organization* book. Consider national and local March field service reports.

15 min: "Proclaim the Kingdom Hope Throughout Our Territory." Question-and-answer discussion of article. Include suggestions from publishers on talking points or relate experiences placing and starting studies in *"Kingdom Come"* book.

7 min: Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Select those appropriate for congregation.

Song 25 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 6

Song 71

10 min: Local announcements and accounts report. Also include comments on congregation service report for May.

18 min: "Keep Kingdom Foremost in Planning Summer Activities." Audience discussion. Interview several publishers or family groups, including young publishers, to ascertain their plans for spiritual activities during summer. Also, discuss opportunities for informal witnessing while traveling to and from convention.

17 min: Use this time for local needs or give talk on May 1, 1982, *Watchtower* article "Honor Jehovah With Your Valuable Things."

Song 81 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 13

Song 36

10 min: Local announcements. Also cover material in Question Box.

20 min: "Working Together in Unity." Audience discussion of article. Include comments from publishers on how application of Bible principles has helped them to get along with and work better with other publishers.

15 min: Talk by elder covering material in *Organization* book page 154 to subheading on page 156. Include discussion of scripture references as time permits. Highlight continual need to emphasize love among brothers as the expression of this quality wanes in old system.

Song 85 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 20

Song 73

8 min: Local announcements.

15 min: "Young People Ask . . . Getting Ahead—Is That All There Is to Life?" Discuss February 22, 1982, *Awake!* article, pages 16-18, with audience participation. Show how these articles designed for youth can be featured in magazine work.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—As Well-Trained Youths." Question-and-answer discussion. Have parent and young publisher demonstrate how training might be given as suggested in paragraphs 5 and 7.

7 min: Experiences from youths who are good examples showing how they got started in field service. Also, encourage all, young and old, to share in field ministry with magazines on Saturday.

Song 88 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JUNE 27

Song 55

10 min: Local announcements. Include field service arrangements for first Sunday in July. Remind congregation of continuing offer of *"Kingdom Come"* book and to get supplies of literature.

17 min: Elders can arrange locally or have a talk on May 8, 1982, *Awake!* article "Young People Ask . . . Honesty—Is It Really the Best Policy?"

18 min: Serving Jehovah Whole-souled. *Organization* book, pages 132 to 134. Cover material with audience discussion. Encourage auxiliary and regular pioneer service with appropriate points from pages 136, 137, 140 and 141 of book.

Song 105 and prayer.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *"Let Your Kingdom Come"*:

June 6:	Pages 167* to 173
June 13:	Pages 174 to 182*
June 20:	Pages 182* to End
June 27:	Review

* To or from subheading.

Summer Activities *(Cont'd)*

tion often affords a refreshing change where you can enjoy the creative handiwork of Jehovah. This, in itself, can inspire greater appreciation for our Creator. But when this setting is combined with reading the Bible or Bible literature, what a deep impression this can make on our heart and mind and that of our children! (Ps. 19:1-10) So, whatever you do, be sure to take along ample supplies of spiritual food for the entire family and remember to use it daily.

[5] Additionally, many brothers have found that the most memorable vacation experiences were enjoyed when they attended meetings or shared in field service in that area with the local brothers and sisters. They have thus 'widened out their hearts' resulting in a greater appreciation and love for the 'whole association of the brothers.' (2 Cor. 6:11; 1 Pet. 2:17) Some have arranged to auxiliary pioneer with congregations needing assistance in covering their territory. Other families have made plans to work unassigned territory for two or three weeks or longer. They report that the time thus spent strengthened their family ties and brought them closer to Jehovah as they learned to rely on him fully in unfamiliar circumstances. They returned to their home congregations cherishing happy memories and unforgettable experiences in finding people thirsting for Bible knowledge. (If you would like to share in this work, please review the Society's letter to all congregations dated January 1, 1982.)

[6] Elders, be alert to plan for summer activities. With children being out of school consider their needs when arranging field service during the week. If various servants will be away, others should be assigned to handle meeting parts, service arrangements and care for other matters. If a book study location will be temporarily unavailable then the householder should notify the conductor in advance so that other arrangements will be made.

[7] Keep the Kingdom foremost as you plan ahead for this summer's activities. Anticipate a spiritually rich and rewarding time, and look to our heavenly Father for his blessing.—Prov. 16:3.

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Working Together in Unity

1 The wise man Solomon wrote that "two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their hard work. For if one of them should fall, the other one can raise his partner up." (Eccl. 4:9, 10) These words help us to appreciate the need to work together in unity, to be single-minded in purpose so as to accomplish our goal to get along with one another.

2 Jehovah's people earth-wide in more than 200 lands and islands have a reputation for working together as one in preaching and teaching the Kingdom good news and in caring for one another's interests. A Brazilian newspaper said of Jehovah's Witnesses: "Although there are many imposing religions with their propaganda in all parts of the globe, there does not exist a single one on the face of the earth today that shows the same love and unity as the organization of Jehovah's Witnesses."

3 To maintain that unity each one of us must make diligent efforts every day to cultivate the fruits of the spirit in our lives and let the Word of God be our guide in doing so. How can we show we are working with unity of purpose in our regular contacts with one another in meetings at the Kingdom Hall, in field service and on other occasions when we are together? For one thing we must be careful that we do not think too much of ourselves. Paul wrote to the Roman congregation about that matter. (Rom. 12:3) There is a tendency in our human imperfection to feel that only what we think or what we do is right. This leads to disunity.

4 There are differing abilities and talents among Jehovah's people. Some have greater aptitude than others in a certain field. But that is no reason for one who is gifted to become proud or haughty; rather it should make him humble and move him to use whatever aptitude or talent he has to benefit as many others as possible. (1 Cor. 4:7) In his letter to the Romans Paul further wrote about varying talents or gifts and showed that whatever abilities one has he is to use such for the benefit of others, and in brotherly love all are to have tender affection for one another. In fact, all Christians are to take the lead in showing honor to one another.—Rom. 12:6-10.

5 What does all of this mean to us within the congregation of Christians where we are now associated? It simply means we need to love one another in spite of our differing abilities. What the Brazilian newspaper said about our love and unity applies to us individually as we make every effort to work shoulder-to-shoulder with one another. We are not in competition but are promoting pure worship together. At times differences may arise. If so, in the spirit of Colossians 3:14, 15 settle these quickly so as to maintain unity.

6 Jehovah's people are not without proper guidance. God's Word and the many publications of the Society provide the help we need to work and walk together in unity always. Apply in your life what you learn from Jehovah through his organization. Encourage one another by upbuilding conversation. Watch your conduct and set a fine example for your brothers and sisters. We have a grand and important work to do, spreading the good news of the Kingdom in all the earth for a witness. Since "two are better than one," invite others to share in the Kingdom proclamation. Be regular in attending congregation meetings. Doing all these things will enable us to walk in unity and avoid the divisive spirit that pervades the old world under the control of God's chief adversary Satan the Devil. Thus we will be following the counsel: "Do not let yourself be conquered by the evil, but keep conquering the evil with the good." (Rom. 12:21) As an organization of Jehovah's zealous workers may we continue to experience the truthfulness of the words of Psalm 133:1: "Look! How good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!"

Kingdom Hope *(Cont'd)*

that all of us long to see." Then show the householder the picture and explain how the book *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* gives accurate information from the Bible about the nearness of that kingdom and how we can gain life under the rule of mankind's Savior, the Lord Jesus. Then, offer the *"Kingdom Come"* book along with one of the older large-size books for a contribution of $1.00.

5 Do not forget to take some of these publications with you when traveling to the district convention. You may have an opportunity to offer the combination of books to a gas station attendant, store clerk or motel employee. You may be able to do informal witnessing on other occasions, featuring the *"Kingdom Come"* book.

6 When Jesus walked the earth nineteen hundred years ago the Kingdom was the theme of his message for mankind. When speaking about his future presence, he said that one of the outstanding evidences of the nearness of the world's end would be the preaching of that kingdom in all the world for a witness. Among his last words to the faithful disciples before ascending to heaven were these: "Go therefore and make disciples of people of all the nations, . . . teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you." (Matt. 24:14; 28:19, 20) So our timely message about the kingdom of God by Christ Jesus, can be enhanced during June and July by effectively using the book, *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* and another older large-size book for $1.00. Many will benefit from this Bible-based message as we all make diligent effort to proclaim the Kingdom hope throughout our territory.

Question Box

● How should we react to public criticism of the Kingdom work?

From time to time apostates and other opposers of the Kingdom message publicly criticize the activity and teachings of Jehovah's people, using TV and radio programs or articles in newspapers and magazines. Usually the best way to handle such adverse publicity is to *ignore* it, remembering the fine example of Jesus: "When he was being reviled, he did not go reviling in return. When he was suffering, he did not go threatening, but kept on committing himself to the one who judges righteously."—1 Pet. 2:23.

Some may feel we should make a public reply to criticism, going on radio or TV to do so or perhaps writing letters to editors, and so forth. However, such action often serves only to publicize further the *criticism* and the *erroneous teachings* of the opposers. Jehovah's Witnesses are well known in most communities and many people appreciate our service and the fine publications we distribute. Usually any questions about our beliefs and organization which might be raised by public criticism can be answered at the door as we engage in our house-to-house witnessing. Thus, persons with good motives will have their questions answered and we do not provide opposers with additional free publicity. More importantly, the Kingdom good news continues to be preached with a minimum of distraction and disciple-making goes forward as Jesus directed. —Matt. 28:19, 20.

If the elders in a particular locality feel there should be some public reply to criticism in order to defend Jehovah's name and people, it is *always* good *first* to contact the Society, giving all the facts about the matter and explaining in full the proposed format of any written or other type of defense that might be proposed. The Society can then consider the matter and offer appropriate suggestions.

For further information on this subject please see the following articles: "Replying to Critics" in January 1977 *Our Kingdom Service;* "Should You Retaliate?" in May 22, 1974, *Awake!;* and "What Defense Against Defamers of True Christians?" in the November 15, 1976, *Watchtower.*

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

As Well-Trained Youths

[1] In most congregations of Jehovah's people around the world there are many young ones associated. What a blessing it is to see youths who are conscious of their spiritual needs and who enjoy attending congregation meetings. (Matt. 5:3, 6) The parents of these children are to be commended for the fine training they are giving their children in the spirit of Deuteronomy 6:6, 7.

[2] But, should such training and discipline include only Bible study and meeting participation? Or should it also include training and participation in the door-to-door ministry? Most of us will agree that children should also become involved in the regular preaching activity. You may recall some excellent Bible examples of youths who were deeply involved in sacred service at a very young age. There was young Samuel, for example, who started temple service right after being *weaned* by his mother. Yes, he started his career in sacred service at a tender age, comparable to pre-school age today. At first his responsibilities were limited, but they increased as he grew older. (1 Sam. 3:1, 15) Then there was Jephthah's daughter, who complied with her father's vow and took up sacred service at the tabernacle when young. (Judg. 11:36-40) Young Timothy had a fine reputation as a zealous Christian youth. (Acts 16:2) Also, there were the four virgin daughters of the Christian evangelist Philip, and these all 'prophesied.' (Acts 21:8, 9) Yes, there are many fine examples in God's Word of young people who were zealous for Jehovah and interested in taking up the sacred service assigned to them.

[3] So today we find many of our young folks zealously presenting the good news from door to door. Truly they are to be commended for their fine efforts. And all of us who are adults, but especially the parents, should take an interest in encouraging and helping our youth to enjoy Jehovah's service in the "last days" of this system of things. (2 Tim. 3:1) How can this be done?

[4] Children should be trained at a *very early* age to accompany their parents in the field ministry. It seems that some parents leave their children behind while they are out in the field service. It may take a little more time and effort to get their children ready and take them along, but parents will find the effort is well worth it. And it is a part of their parental responsibility. The good example of parents taking the lead in the service cannot be over-emphasized. Taking the children along *regularly* will give them the needed training and should help them to build good habits and to recognize the importance of field service as they grow older.

[5] What can a parent, or an adult minister, do to assist young ones who accompany him? For one thing, upbuilding conversation can have a fine effect on young ones. Good suggestions on proper behavior while in service are helpful if given in an upbuilding way. Also, help young publishers to appreciate the importance of the preaching activity and show them how they can have a share. (Matt. 28:19, 20) Very young ones can give householders a handbill or a tract. They might also be able to invite people to the Kingdom Hall, perhaps telling them the location and the time of meetings, letting them know they are welcome.

[6] Many young ones especially enjoy witnessing with the magazines. Although quite young, they prepare a brief presentation of the latest issues and offer them for a contribution of 30 cents. They have good results. Those a little older pick out certain articles they have enjoyed reading and highlight these as they present the magazines. In this way, many young publishers have even been able to start magazine routes.

[7] When young publishers who read well are working with older persons, invite them to read scriptures at the door. Adult publishers have done this informally or, in some cases, they mention that the youth enjoys going along or is being trained in the ministry. He can even comment on the Bible verse being used in the current Topic for Conversation. If the young publisher is old enough to carry on a conversation from the Scriptures then it is appropriate for the adult publisher to greet the householder, explain the purpose of the call, and introduce the young publisher who can then proceed with his presentation.

[8] These are some of the ways in which to help our youth to share in the preaching activity on a *regular* basis. By getting into the habit of *regularly* participating in the field ministry, they will enjoy it more and more. This is part of the progress they need to make toward personal dedication and baptism. Elders who take an interest in *all* of the young ones in the congregation find that they do respond when help is given. Help the young publishers to become more effective in the ministry. They need the fine counsel given to Timothy: "Do your utmost to present yourself approved to God, a workman with nothing to be ashamed of, handling the word of the truth aright."—2 Tim. 2:15.

Announcements

- Literature offer for June and July: *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* and certain of the older, large-size books in the congregation's stock for a contribution of $1.00. (Note further direction given in the May 1982 issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry*.) August: *"My Book of Bible Stories"* for a contribution of $2.50 or a 192-page book for 75c. September: *"The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life"* for a contribution of 75c.
- One of the dramas to be presented at the *"Kingdom Truth"* District Convention is based on the Bible book of Jeremiah. In preparation for the drama it is suggested that all read Jeremiah, chapters 19, 20, 26-28, 35, 36, 38 and 45.
- An adjustment has been made in the concluding time of the Saturday afternoon session at the 1982 district convention. The May 1982 *Our Kingdom Ministry* shows the program concludes at 4:50 p.m. However, this should be changed to 5:00 p.m.
- Any who are interested in Gilead School and foreign missionary service are invited to fill out a preliminary Gilead application *once a year* at the district convention they attend. It is not necessary to send in more than one application a year.
- Congregation accounts should be audited on June 1 or as soon as possible thereafter, by the presiding overseer or someone appointed by him.
- We are now able to fill more congregation orders for Deluxe Bibles with leather covers in both black and maroon. Before ordering be sure any previous Deluxe Bibles are moved. See 10/81 *km* page 7.
- New Publications Available:
  Watch Tower Publications Index 1979 —Italian
  Happiness—How to Find It —Finnish
  1982 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses —Finnish
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  To the Romans (single cassette) —Italian
  To the Hebrews, The Letter of James (single cassette) —Italian
- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
  Aid to Bible Understanding (A-Z) —English

MARCH SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	424	134.8	100.3	53.9	5.6
Pios.	20,234	88.5	63.5	35.0	3.7
Aux. Pios.	20,248	61.2	44.8	20.3	1.8
Pubs.	545,448	8.6	8.3	3.8	.5
TOTAL	586,354				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 1,781

The March report shows 586,354 total publishers—our best month this service year. This is only 2,149 below our all-time peak reached last August. A new all-time peak of 363,516 home Bible studies was reported, 2,511 over our previous peak in April 1974 and 18,361 over March of last year. Certainly Jehovah is adding his blessing as we continue "having plenty to do in the work of the Lord."—1 Cor. 15:58.

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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Meetings for Field Service

JULY 5-11
Preaching with tactfulness

1. What is tact?
2. Why is it needed in our ministry?
3. How would you deal with: (a) an angry person? (b) a loud radio or TV?

JULY 12-18
Using field service time wisely

1. Why is it usually profitable to work longer than one hour?
2. Why make return visits soon?
3. What factors should be considered regarding coffee breaks?

JULY 19-25
Avoiding arguments

1. What does 2 Timothy 2:23-25 counsel us to do?
2. How does 1 Peter 3:15 apply?

JULY 26–AUGUST 1
Informal witnessing

1. What opportunities may arise today?
2. How do you start the conversation?
3. What literature would be helpful?

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Happiness—How to Find It:*

July 4: (Allow for convention)
July 11: Pages 5 to 12*
July 18: Pages 12* to 20
July 25: Pages 21 to 29

* To or from subheading.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Is God's Kingdom Near?
Matt. 6:10—We pray for it.
Luke 21:31, 32—Nearness of Kingdom.

ALL-TIME PEAK OF 599,950 PUBLISHERS IN U.S. ATTAINED BY INTENSIFIED ACTIVITY DURING APRIL

Other Outstanding Peaks Also Reached

Unquestionably, Jehovah's rich blessings were poured out upon our united efforts during April. The following reports show that all-time peaks were reached in the categories indicated below:

Total Publishers: 599,950. This surpasses the previous peak reached in August 1981 by 11,447.

Total Auxiliary Pioneers: 75,538. Our previous peak was 51,008 reported in April 1979. The report this year represents an increase of 48 percent over the figure three years ago.

Total Hours: 10,616,267. Compared with our previous peak, the April report this year shows 57,478 more hours were devoted to the work.

Total Home Bible Studies: 378,430. Our April report exceeds the March peak by 14,864.

The extra surge of activity that swept through the country in April is powerful evidence that Jehovah's spirit is operating mightily upon the work of his people. We have every reason to rejoice. How thankful we can be for having exerted ourselves in the ministry! As we go on zealously preaching, may the word of Jehovah keep moving speedily to reach more of those who will listen and join us in praising God.—2 Thess. 3:1.

Making Wise Use of Our Literature

[1] During the year 1982 the literature offer for our door-to-door work will have changed eight times. Why do we make these different literature offers? There are many good things that result from this tried and proven arrangement. As a whole, it makes for wise use of our literature.

WHY WE HAVE CAMPAIGNS

[2] For one thing, it gives variety to our literature presentations in the field. We meet people of different educational and cultural backgrounds and so, while this month's literature offer may not appeal to a certain person, it is possible that a future literature offer might. The apostle Paul wrote: "I have become all things to people of all sorts, that I might by all means save some." Our goal is the same as Paul's. —1 Cor. 9:19-23.

[3] It also makes for interesting and educational variety for the publisher himself. The change is good for us, personally, in a number of ways. For example, we get better acquainted with our own literature, having to review its general contents in order to describe it and, in addition, selecting certain paragraphs in order to give specific examples of its benefits. Also, we try to give all persons in the territory a full opportunity to obtain and read the good news in its various forms that all of us cherish and benefit from so much. We all unite in presenting a vital testimony on a timely subject throughout the country. —Acts 20:21.

[4] To add to the variety of literature we offer to the public we should keep in mind the 24 new issues of *Awake!* and the 24 new issues of *The Watchtower* that we make available during the year. Can anyone accuse us of continually "coming around with the same old thing"? Hardly!

ORDERING AND CARING FOR LITERATURE

[5] Of course, in order to be able to share fully in these service

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Are You Studying Together as a Family?

[1] Recently a Christian husband who was speaking to an elder said: "I try to conduct a family study regularly but I find it difficult. Sometimes I am guilty of canceling it, or my wife does not feel like studying, or the children have something else to do. Weeks go by without a serious effort being made to get back into the routine of a family study. I know we need the study and any suggestions or help we can get will be appreciated." Do these comments sound familiar to you? They may since a number of families encounter these and other difficulties when it comes to holding a regular family Bible study.

[2] Think about these questions: Why is a regular family study so important and what is its objective? Who should take the lead in conducting the study? What publications can be used? How can the study be kept lively and interesting, especially when children are of different age levels? Why are consistency and devotion so important to regularity of the family study? The Bible and Christian experience provide us with the answers to these questions.

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

[3] The Scriptures leave no doubt as to who should take the lead in

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING JULY 4

Song 4

10 min: Local announcements. Encourage publishers to share in magazine work on second Saturday of the month. Have capable publisher comment on or demonstrate how he plans to present current magazines.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—To All Kinds of Men." Question-and-answer coverage of material with selected paragraphs and scriptures being read as time allows. Briefly demonstrate two presentations when considering paragraph 7.

15 min: "How You Can Benefit." Talk by elder who is a good teacher. Some audience discussion. Help audience, and especially book study conductors, to appreciate that preparing for book studies with *Happiness* book will require additional thought. Have two book study conductors (good teachers) discuss and demonstrate the conducting of a good study, embracing the points in paragraphs 4-6.

Song 100 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 11

Song 60

8 min: Local announcements, accounts report and consideration of daily text as time permits.

18 min: "Are You Studying Together as a Family?" Question-and-answer consideration with appropriate paragraphs and scriptures being read. At suitable intervals during discussion have family heads, or others, comment on how they have applied, or have seen others apply, certain suggestions and how beneficial results were realized. Conclude by encouraging all families to persist in working for regularity and spiritual progress in family study arrangement.

12 min: "Love or Infatuation—How Do I Know?" *Awake!*, April 8, 1982. Talk by elder who can handle this subject with dignity, kindness and seriousness.

7 min: Service overseer will consider service report for April along with information at top of page 1. Tie in with local congregation's activity for April.

Song 70 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 18

Song 94

10 min: Local announcements and appropriate Announcements from *Our Kingdom Ministry*. Encourage sharing in magazine work fourth Saturday of month. Consider congregation's field ministry report for June.

20 min: "Assisting New and Reactivated Publishers in the Field Ministry." Consider by questions and answers. Demonstrate how a publisher might prepare for field service with one being assisted, using some of the suggestions in the article. As time permits, have prepared publishers comment on some successes and joys they have had in either helping others or receiving help in harmony with points made in this article.

15 min: "Keep Your Christian Balance." March 15, 1982, *Watchtower*. Talk by capable brother who sets a good example.

Song 83 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING JULY 25

Song 18

7 min: Local announcements and Theocratic News.

15 min: "Making Wise Use of Our Literature." Discuss material with audience. Look up scriptures and have selected paragraphs read.

13 min: Plan this locally according to congregation needs or prepare an interesting and instructive talk using material in April 8, 1982, *Awake!* article, "The Art of Listening." Make application to what you feel are needs of congregation.

10 min: In a warm and stimulating way encourage sharing in first Sunday of the month field service. Review literature offer for August, highlighting useful points for presenting offer. Make helpful comments on Topic for Conversation.

Song 74 and prayer.

Literature *(Cont'd)*

campaigns and offer the literature specified for each month, it will be necessary for the congregation to have that literature on hand. The Society has heard from congregation publishers, pioneers and traveling overseers who say that they are not always able to get the needed literature for that month from the congregation supply. So, it will be good for the one caring for literature supplies and the service overseer to be aware, some months in advance, of what the coming literature campaigns will consist of, and in this way the needed literature can be ordered well ahead of time. (Compare Proverbs 30:25) What the literature offer is going to be is listed under Announcements in *Our Kingdom Ministry* usually about three or four months in advance so there is ample time to order.

6 Those responsible for placing the order will want to give careful thought to the quantities needed so that enough literature will be available but not so much as to become overstocked. When the publishers keep themselves informed of what the literature offer is for that month and when the congregation, through its elders and other responsible servants, sees that supplies are adequate, then it is possible to make wise use of our literature.

How You Can Benefit

1 Many have expressed pleasure and anticipation since learning that we will use *Happiness—How to Find It* in the Congregation Book Studies. You may well feel the same. But how can you benefit the most from the study? Or, if you will be conducting the study, what can you do so that all gain the most from this publication?

2 Recall that when we got the *Happiness* book at the Convention we learned that it was specially prepared for use with the sort of persons that we often meet today. This was highlighted in a letter from Brazil: "We are so thankful to have the book in Portuguese. It came at the right time, because people today are not so much interested in doctrines as they are in knowing who created us, why, and how they can overcome everyday problems."

3 The book does cover the major doctrines of the Bible but they are treated in a different fashion compared to other books.

4 At the book study, then, keeping in mind the book's design will be important. If you are a book study conductor, you can do much to help by carefully planning your opening comments and closing review of each study. Highlight points such as: What type of persons could be helped with tonight's material? What main points can you remember so as to use them? How could you begin talking about this subject and then use this chapter—during the house-to-house work? During informal witnessing? How could a Bible study be started in this chapter? What in this chapter will touch the heart or motivate the student?

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Assisting New and Reactivated Publishers in the Field Ministry

1 When you first learned about the need to share in the field ministry likely you were not just given a territory to work and told to preach. No, someone kindly gave you a helping hand and assisted you to get started in this most important work. Would it not be fitting, in turn, to offer your assistance to a new or reactivated one, thus experiencing firsthand that there is "more happiness in giving than there is in receiving"?—Acts 20:35.

PROGRESSIVE ASSISTANCE

2 How would you go about assisting such a person? Of fundamental importance is preparation. You can do this together by discussing either the current Topic for Conversation or some talking points in the literature being offered. It is important for the new or reactivated one to be familiar with the literature being presented in order to feel more comfortable at the door.

3 Another thing that can be done is to discuss common objections that come up and what you would say in response. Why not have practice sessions, taking turns being the householder and raising common objections? This would help to avoid becoming flustered at the door because of an unexpected objection.

4 Your companion may be nervous and unsure of himself at the beginning, so it helps to have a definite appointment to work together. He will appreciate that someone is working with him to help out if the need arises. (Eccl. 4:9, 10) Initially it might be beneficial to work in a territory where it is easier to get into conversations so he can become involved and thus gain confidence.

5 Afterward it would be beneficial to discuss the calls made and what could be done to build interest on the next visit. Be positive and commend him for the effort put forth. (1 Thess. 5:11) Endeavor to make a specific appointment to work together again. In time he will develop confidence in his ability not only to present the Kingdom message at the doors, but to express the truth more fully to others.

6 As we progressively work with such ones we can discuss how to use the concordance or the *Bible Topics for Discussion;* how to lay the groundwork for a return visit on the initial call; how to prepare for and to make a return visit; how to start a Bible study and how to improve continually as a teacher. All of these are the important tools and skills of a productive minister.—2 Tim. 4:5.

BOOK STUDY CONDUCTORS

7 Each book study conductor should take a personal interest in those in his group so as to notice when someone is missing from the meetings or not doing well in the field ministry. (Prov. 27:23) He should strive to work with as many as possible in the various features of the field service, providing loving assistance when needed or requested. Why not see if you can work with your book study conductor or other capable publishers and benefit from their experience?

8 So, "in proportion as each one has received a gift, use it in ministering to one another as fine stewards of God's undeserved kindness." In doing this we do not seek glory for ourselves, but desire that "in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." As you use these 'gifts' to assist others you will be having an added share in glorifying God.—1 Pet. 4:10, 11.

THEOCRATIC NEWS

◆ Word has been received that the activities of our brothers in Poland were not adversely affected by events in that country during recent months. Although the curfew and travel restrictions did hamper the movement of people in general, our brothers were able to continue their work of preaching the good news and meeting together in private homes without interference from military patrols. The clear, consistent neutral stand of our brothers has been observed at their places of work and otherwise. Food is rationed and people often have to stand in line to buy their supplies but apparently nobody has really had to go hungry. There is no urgent need for clothing at this time. Travel restrictions have been lifted during the past few months. We are pleased to learn that, considering the overall situation, our brothers have been faring quite well.

Family Study *(Cont'd)*

teaching the children. *"Fathers, . . . go on bringing them up in the discipline and mental-regulating of Jehovah."* (Eph. 6:4) Fathers should willingly accept their responsibility, yes, even be *eager* to impart knowledge and counsel to their children. However, if the father is an unbeliever, the believing wife should do her part to teach the children and conduct the family study. (2 Tim. 1:5) Or, due to other circumstances, a sister may have to assume full responsibility for teaching her children. (Prov. 1:8) In other cases an elder or another mature publisher can provide some help, depending on the particular needs in each situation. But such an arrangement should not be used to relieve parents, especially fathers, of their Scriptural responsibility to teach, train and care for their children. —Deut. 6:6, 7; 1 Tim. 3:2, 4.

FLEXIBLE AND INFORMAL

4 Flexibility will help to make the family study practical and stimulating. It may include reading and discussing portions of the Bible together and considering subjects or specific articles from the magazines or other Society publications. Material should be chosen according to the needs of the family. Problems youths face such as peer pressure in school, dating, involvement in school programs, sports, selection of music, fads and immoral tendencies can be considered. Repetition of Scriptural principles and viewpoints is beneficial, especially in anticipation of future dangers and temptations.

5 What are some things that should be taken into consideration when the family study is being conducted? While studies need not be as formal as congregation meetings are, they should be instructive. Make family studies enjoyable, not using the occasion to scold. Encourage the children to comment in their own words, since this will enable them to learn faster. Even if younger ones are not able to appreciate fully or understand everything that is being considered, their presence should be acknowledged and they should be helped to take part in the study. Wise parents give attention to each child's needs, his comprehension, attention span and his ability to express himself. Family unity and increased spirituality will surely be the result of your diligent and loving efforts.

DO NOT GIVE UP!

6 Why is stick-to-itiveness so important in connection with the family study? Because life has many distractions and things tend to interrupt schedules for study. However, do not allow these to unduly interfere with arrangements for the family study.

7 Regular family Bible study trains and equips children to cope with life's problems. You parents are in the best position to help your children by assuming your God-given responsibility. Surely Jehovah will bless you if you make every effort to hold your family Bible study consistently.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

To All Kinds of Men

1 One of our chief goals in the field ministry is to reach the hearts of those to whom we preach. The apostle Paul was very effective in doing this. The Bible record shows that he was instrumental, not only in helping many individuals to the point of baptism, but also in establishing many congregations.

2 What contributed to his success? At 1 Corinthians 9:22, 23 we read of one thing he did that should be helpful to us. He wrote: "I have become all things to people of all sorts, that I might by all means save some . . . , that I may become a sharer of it with others." He adapted his approach to the kind of person he was speaking to, whether Jew, or Gentile.

3 He found it beneficial to adjust his presentation to suit the personal needs of each one. In that way his hearers would be more receptive to the message. (Prov. 25:11) We can greatly improve our effectiveness in the witness work by following Paul's example.

PREPARE IN ADVANCE

4 Before sharing in service some publishers go over in their mind how to vary their approach in speaking with men, women, children, older persons, Jews, Catholics, atheists, evolutionists, and so forth. They consider what can be said that may appeal to the heart of the householder, avoiding that which may unnecessarily offend. They are ready to refer to different pages in the publication(s) being offered to help the householder appreciate that the literature will truly benefit him.

5 This month we are offering the *"Kingdom Come"* book. If the householder is concerned about world conditions, we could discuss appropriate information on pages 6 and 7 with him. If the person is upset because God has permitted wickedness, we can refer to chapter 5 and use selected points highlighted at the top of page 44. When witnessing to youths, take advantage of the illustration at the beginning of chapter 1, perhaps discussing the first paragraph as appropriate.

6 Some have found it is helpful to have a variety of publications available which contain information appealing to different types of individuals. These might include books such as *Evolution, Family Life, Great Teacher, Happiness, Truth,* and so forth. Do not hesitate to offer a particular publication whenever you discern that the information it contains has special appeal to the householder.

BE ADAPTABLE

7 When witnessing to all sorts of men, it is best to try to find a common ground, avoiding controversy wherever possible. If you meet a person of the Catholic religion, you may choose to center your Scriptural presentation around Matthew 6:9, 10, referring to the "our Father" prayer, thus using his terminology and appealing to that sort of person. When conversing with Jews, it is often best to use a presentation from the Hebrew Scriptures, like Daniel 2:44. You will note from 1 Corinthians 9:19-21 that the apostle Paul thoughtfully considered the attitudes of those to whom he preached and adjusted his approach accordingly. We will improve our effectiveness and our joy in Jehovah's service as we show a similar heartfelt concern for those in our territory today.

Benefit *(Cont'd)*

5 Since some chapters are on matters that most brothers know or accept, the study conductor faces a challenge. Can he help all to see the material's practical value for the ministry? Can he, as a good teacher, aid the brothers to learn *and remember* lines of reasoning, facts and specific texts to *use?*

6 This publication does not have prepared and numbered questions at the bottom of each page to correspond with each paragraph. So when preparing for the study give thought to the 'points for discussion' at the bottom of the page. In covering the material in the *Happiness* book the study will not be simply a matter of getting answers to specific questions. Rather, there will be opportunity for more discussion, keeping in mind that this is what is often needed with the sort of persons for whom this book is particularly suited. From time to time the conductor will ask an auxiliary question or two.

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Announcements

- Literature offer for July: *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* and certain of the older, large-size books in the congregation's stock for a contribution of $1.00. (Regarding these older books, be sure to note further direction in the May 1982 issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry.*) August: *My Book of Bible Stories* for a contribution of $2.50 or a 192-page book for 75c. September: *The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life* for a contribution of 75c.

- The regular shipment of service forms will be sent to all congregations during the month of September. The pioneer report cards will be sent separately.

- The current and incoming presiding overseers should arrange to meet one or more times before September 1 to work out a smooth transfer. There are important matters that should be discussed. In the past, problems have arisen because the new presiding overseer was not aware of a number of things expected of him.

- Many letters requesting assistance have been received from parts of the country where Arabic, Cambodian, Laotian and Vietnamese people have settled. Families that speak the language and who are interested in working among these people may follow the instructions set out in the June 1980 *Our Kingdom Service* article: "Step Over into Macedonia and Help." Speak to your presiding overseer. If the congregation service committee approves of your receiving such an assignment, then write a letter and give it to the congregation service committee and they, in turn, will send it to the Society.

- The special talk that was given in March, "The Only Cure for Sick Mankind," will become a part of the regular series of talks given by elders in the congregations.

- So that congregations can make suitable arrangements for the Memorial celebration next year, the date will be Tuesday, March 29, 1983 after sundown.

- Publishers should submit all subscriptions they obtain, including their own personal subscriptions, through the congregation and not send them directly to the Society. The brother handling the subscriptions should promptly send them to the Society each week regardless of the quantity on hand.

- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *The Good News According to Mark* (set of two cassettes) —Portuguese
  - *The Good News According to Luke* (set of two cassettes) —French
  - *To the Romans* (single cassette) —Portuguese
  - *To the Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians* (single cassette) —French
  - *The First to the Thessalonians through To Philemon* (single cassette) —French
  - *Jehovah's Name to Be Declared in All the Earth* (Drama) (single cassette) —Korean

- Out of Stock in U.S.A.:
  - *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures* (Deluxe Edition) (Dbi12-F) —French

- New Publications Available:
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Part 4, Ar – Asc) —Italian
  - *Choosing the Best Way of Life* —Indonesian
  - *My Book of Bible Stories* —Fijian, Samoan

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Dear Kingdom Publishers:

For all of Jehovah's people recent months have been exceptionally busy. At the Brooklyn headquarters, in all the branches and throughout the worldwide field, brothers have been working hard and exerting themselves. (1 Tim. 4:10) As a result much has been accomplished, due mainly to Jehovah's blessing upon our united efforts. It is evident that he has been making things grow.—1 Cor. 3:6, 7.

Last March a dedication program was held at Brooklyn Bethel in connection with the new office annex. Members of the Bethel family in Brooklyn and at Watchtower Farms had the opportunity to tour the factory and new office facilities. They saw some of the new equipment and changes now in operation. Also, at the present time, construction of a new addition to the existing factory at Watchtower Farms is under way. This will accommodate more presses to care for our printing needs.

In recent months new branch facilities have been dedicated in Italy, Ivory Coast, Japan and Korea. Four members of the Governing Body were privileged to share in these programs. The brothers in these lands are thrilled to see the work moving ahead and are prepared to give an even greater witness concerning the Kingdom.

All of us rejoice in the new peaks reached during April in various features of the ministry, including the total number of publishers. New publisher peaks were

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A FINE MEMORIAL REPORT

In obedience to our Lord's command 1,499,284 attended the Memorial celebration on April 8, 1982, here in the US. This is an all-time peak, surpassing our attendance in 1981 by 36,214. There were 4,206 partakers at the Memorial this year. In view of the excellent attendance we once again have impressed upon us that there are many who need to be taught by Jehovah in order to become actively associated with us in 'worshiping the Father with spirit and truth.'—John 4:23, 24.

Youths—Serve Jehovah With Loyalty

1 Loyalty and godly devotion are essentials of true worship. (2 Tim. 2:19) Jehovah God rightly expects each of us to maintain a devoted attachment to him and his visible earthly organization. (Ps. 30:4; 31:23) To do this in such troublous times we must keep a clear view of our purpose in life and not allow our loyal love for Jehovah to suffer erosion. Christian youths in particular are undergoing a relentless assault on their love of God.—2 Tim. 2:22.

2 Loyalty to Jehovah and his organization is necessary if we are to gain everlasting life. At this time of testing, how can Christian youths maintain integrity? In what ways can we manifest loyalty in the congregation? The family? How might parents and others encourage loyalty to God and the family?

IN THE CONGREGATION

3 Although the springtime of life should be a joyous experience, it brings with it serious responsibilities. (Eccl. 11:9–12:1) A principal decision young ones face involves dedication and baptism. Also, there is the selection of theocratic and secular goals. One's choice of associates must be carefully examined. Each decision should reflect loyal love for Jehovah and the congregation. This is the only course that brings genuine satisfaction, peace of mind and true happiness.—Ps. 149:1, 4.

4 Young ones generally feel a keen sense of loyalty to friends. This can present real tests when such companions get involved in unchristian conduct. Many youths then face situations involving divided loyalties. Will you report serious wrongdoing or ignore it as if it never happened? Genuine regard for Christian associates and love of God will no doubt move you to report this in line with the principle at Leviticus 5:1. Christian youths thereby avoid becoming "a party to wickedness" by yielding to a false sense of loyalty.—Deut. 13:6-8; *Organization,* page 181.

5 There are a number of factors that make the above situations a challenge to the course of loyalty. First of all, as one young brother expressed it, some youths are affected by a "spirit of selfishness" rather than genuine love for their friends. (Lev. 19:17; Prov. 27:5, 6) This causes them to hesitate in getting involved so as to avoid losing the friendship of those whose wrongs have been exposed. (Prov. 9:8) Some younger ones and their parents, due to spiritual weakness, may be resentful for a time when such wrongdoing is reported. But this should not deter loyal youths

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Directing Interest to the Organization—Part I

1 The spiritual development of newly associated ones involves their demonstrating a love of Bible truth accompanied by deep appreciation for Jehovah's organization and its provisions. (Ps. 33:12; 119:97) Our progressive, regular study with new ones should therefore accord honor to Jehovah and his orderly arrangement for worship. If we faithfully call attention to the organization's role in our lives, we will prove to be effective Kingdom teachers on Bible studies and stimulate the student's further growth.

2 If our teaching is to be effective in producing true disciples of Christ, then we must faithfully help interested persons to recognize and appreciate Jehovah's organization. Many Kingdom proclaimers have enjoyed encouraging results from systematically directing attention to the organization. What methods can you employ to stimulate interest in congregation meetings? How can our Bible students progressively become better acquainted with the organization? What helpful ideas can be used to remove any apprehension new ones may experience before going to the Kingdom Hall for the first time?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

3 From the initial study develop the habit of speaking about the organization every week. The student should come to see your *total involvement* with the truth, *affection* for your brothers and *respect* for Jehovah's arrangement. Speak of the brothers by name and take other enthusiastic ones with you to the study. This can contribute to a lively and progressive weekly discussion. In time, the student may well reflect your own appreciation and enthusiasm for the Christian congregation.—Luke 6:40.

4 What can be done to remove any fears new ones may have about attending meetings for the first time? Some experienced publishers have found it helpful to explain the purpose and function of the Kingdom Hall. After one interested family had refused many invitations to congregation meetings, the brother conducting the study found it convenient to take this family to

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 1

Song 57

12 min: Local announcements, including encouragement to share in weekend field service. "A New Color Calendar for 1983." Encourage all to order promptly.

18 min: "Presenting the Good News—Using *My Book of Bible Stories.*" Question-and-answer discussion highlighting unique advantages of this book. In considering paragraph 6, arrange for a brief demonstration showing how to initiate a conversation and point out features of the book. As time permits, invite audience to relate experiences which illustrate how effectively it can be used in helping others.

15 min: Use time for local needs, or have an elder give a talk on the article "An Educated Tongue —'To Encourage the Weary'" found in the June 1, 1982, *Watchtower,* pages 9-14. Explain how all of us can apply this admonition in our efforts to help those who have become depressed.

Song 95 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 8

Song 91

5 min: Local announcements and accounts report.

15 min: "Youths—Serve Jehovah With Loyalty." Upbuilding discussion conducted by an elder. Invite parents and young ones to express themselves as to how the admonition can be applied. Emphasize the responsibility of young people to fulfill their role in the family and congregational arrangement by being obedient and willing participants in the field ministry.

10 min: "Young People Ask..." Capable brother discusses with audience how this feature of *Awake!* might be used in your territory. Demonstrate how magazines could be offered using talking points from article in the latest issue. Encourage younger publishers to share in magazine work on second Saturday.

15 min: Loyalty to Jehovah While in School. Elder interviews some young people about situations in school where they are confronted with pressures designed to undermine their faith and morals. Young people are invited to explain what Bible principles they would consider when questions arise about (1) dating, (2) engaging in sports, (3) attending social functions, (4) patriotic ceremonies or (5) other situations common locally. Refer to *Youth* book, chapters 8, 16-19.

Song 65 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 15

Song 45

15 min: Local announcements. "Let's Get Acquainted." Interview two or three individuals about how they became acquainted with the truth. Highlight blessings of getting to know one another by personal association as opportunity affords.

15 min: "Directing Interest to the Organization—Part I." Talk and audience discussion. Capable teacher, preferably *Watchtower* conductor, explains why there is a need to include such instruction in our Bible studies. When considering paragraph 5, invite some who conduct studies to relate what they have done in this regard with good results.

15 min: Pioneering—A Worthwhile Goal. Invite regular or auxiliary pioneers to explain how they feel they have been rewarded by putting forth the effort to pioneer. Highlight joy and peace of mind that come from knowing we are doing what pleases Jehovah. Now that children are about to return to school, encourage sisters to consider enrollment. Review some of the practical suggestions offered in the March 1, 1982, *Watchtower,* pages 27, 28.

Song 32 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 22

Song 38

10 min: Local announcements, and other local needs.

20 min: Appreciating the value of personal study. Panel discussion preferably under direction of school overseer. Review many far-reaching benefits that come from good study habits. Consider helpful suggestions offered in the *School Guidebook,* chapter 7. Group can discuss the following questions: (1) What practical suggestions will help us regularly prepare for congregation meetings? (2) How can we keep up with reading the new magazines and other publications? (3) How can we do research on Bible questions? Recommend good study habits that use the minimum amount of time to achieve maximum results.

15 min: Talk by elder on "Questions from Readers" appearing in the March 15, 1982, *Watchtower,* page 31. Encourage participation in magazine work on fourth Saturday.

Song 31 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING AUGUST 29

Song 59

10 min: Local announcements and main points of article "Preview of Fall Circuit Assembly."

15 min: Presenting the *Truth* book during September. Talk and demonstration. This book has been published by the Society in more languages than any other. Review talking points that can be used in offering it. Show how Topic for Conversation can be developed using material in the book. For example, arrange for publisher to demonstrate using material in chapter 1, paragraphs 8-10. A special effort should be made to follow up placements so as to start Bible studies; offer suggestions on how to do that.

20 min: Fulfilling and Glorifying Our Ministry. Discussion by two or three elders with service overseer as chairman. Consider Branch Letter and "A Fine Memorial Report." Review outstanding features of congregation's preaching activity during the past service year. Give commendation and offer suggestions on what can be done to improve in the coming year. Discuss any local problems which tend to limit participation and suggest ways to cope with them. Encourage all to share in service on the first Sunday.

Song 107 and prayer.

Directing Interest (*Cont'd*)

the Kingdom Hall at a time when meetings were not being conducted. They got a tour of the facilities and from that time forward began attending meetings. His discernment and initiative helped him to overcome an obstacle in getting these new ones to the meetings.

[5] This aspect of our home Bible study activity is not difficult to do, but it does require a measure of forethought and planning. However, this need not be very time-consuming. Consider the personality of the student as well as his response to Bible truths thus far. With this information in mind you may wish to develop a five to ten minute Scriptural discussion regarding the organization. If you are acquainted with experienced publishers who have enjoyed success in helping Bible students to

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A New Color Calendar for 1983

An illustrated calendar for 1983 has been prepared that is both beautiful and practical. It will feature six large four-color pictures on Kingdom-preaching themes, showing two months under each picture. When opened for wall hanging it will measure approximately 11-3/8 inches by 17-1/2 inches.

In addition to the yeartext and Memorial date, it lists field service days to help us to regularly share with the congregation in group witnessing. As a reminder to keep up with our Bible reading, it provides the weekly schedule. It also lists the dates for our written reviews so that we can prepare for a fuller share in this feature of the Theocratic Ministry School. You can readily appreciate the spiritual benefits these features provide.

The calendar will be printed in English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish. Calendars are 75c each. There is no pioneer rate. Please order the quantity you desire through the literature servant, as it is a controlled stock item and will not be stocked by the congregation. Because of the high cost of postage, we would request that orders be combined through the congregation, rather than sent individually to the Society. The initial congregation order should be mailed with the July remittance by August 6, 1982, or no later than August 15, using the Special Calendar Order form (S-5) that has been sent to each congregation. This will assure your receiving the 1983 calendar in good time.

Preview of Fall Circuit Assembly

"Blameless as Lightbearers Amid a Twisted Generation" is the theme of our current circuit assembly program, soon to conclude. This excellent program is providing "food at the proper time." (Matt. 24:45) Those with good spiritual eyesight can see that our present generation is "crooked and twisted." (Phil. 2:15) Useful counsel and suggestions were given on how to avoid any involvement that would bring upon us Jehovah's disfavor.

The theme for the fall series of circuit assemblies starting in September is "Making the Truth Manifest in Our Lives." (2 Cor. 4:2) Do we really know the truth and are we practicing it in our lives? The program is designed to offer practical help in both of these areas — *knowing* and *living* the truth. Pioneering will be highlighted, especially for younger ones. Information related to handling objections in the field and helping school children to combat the theory of evolution will be considered. The part, "By Keeping Strict Watch on How We Walk" will emphasize the need for each of us to watch carefully how he is building spiritual qualities in both himself and in those with whom he studies. The public talk is entitled: "How Does the Truth Affect Your Life?" It will be followed by two discourses: "Living Today With Soundness of Mind" and "Walking Orderly in the Truth With Jehovah's Organization." We urge you not to miss any of this excellent assembly program.

Youths—Serve Jehovah (*Cont'd*)

from speaking up. By far, the majority of the congregation appreciate and respect such courageous loyalty in our young ones.

[6] Loyal youths share in congregation meetings, as well as in the field ministry. They avoid isolating themselves. (Prov. 18:1) Increasing numbers of young ones are rejecting high-paying jobs or higher education in favor of a career in the ministry. They humbly accept counsel and direction from older ones that will enable them to continue in loyal sacred service.

IN THE FAMILY

[7] What fine opportunities youths have to contribute to family unity and to grow spiritually! Although at times some who have associated with the truth from infancy may feel they have "missed something," others who were in the world before learning the truth feel deep regrets over their bad experiences and wasted lives. How refreshing it is to see youths who have loyally submitted to parental direction in the truth! Reflecting on his personal experience and how much his mother had helped him spiritually, one Bethel brother expressed appreciation that he was never a part of the world and its ways.

[8] All in the congregation can do much to encourage young ones in loyal service. Help them set spiritual goals of working in behalf of the congregation and eventual full-time service. (See Proverbs 16:3.) Share regularly with them in the ministry.

[9] A spirit of rebelliousness pervades this dying old system. Acts of disloyalty are the order of the day. Whether young or old, we must counteract any trends that could undermine our worship of Jehovah. Look to Jehovah for the joys and blessings his service affords. Youths, view life's responsibilities soberly and face each day's challenges with loyalty and godly devotion.

Announcements

● Literature offer for August: *My Book of Bible Stories* on a contribution of $2.50, or, if not available, use any 192-page book on a contribution of 75c. September: *Truth* book for 75c. October and November: Subscriptions for either *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* for $3.50 each for a one year subscription; six month subscription $2.00.

● The congregation secretary should fill out and send the Pioneer Information Report (S-207) to the Society as soon as he has received the August service reports from the pioneers. This must be sent in even if there are no pioneers in the congregation. Keep duplicate in the congregation file.

● Each congregation will receive three Literature Inventory forms and an actual count should be taken of all campaign literature in stock and of all controlled-stock items listed on the inventory form. Please fill out the forms completely and send the original to the Society no later than September 6. Keep a carbon copy for your files. The third form is to be used as a work sheet.

● At circuit assemblies having the new program starting in September, district overseers will give the public talk "How Does the Truth Affect Your Life?" Starting in September, circuit overseers will give a public talk entitled "Fulfilling the Command to Preach the Kingdom."

● If congregations are interested in having circuit overseer slide talks from previous years shown, they should contact their circuit overseer as these slide talks cannot be ordered from the Society directly.

● New Publications Available:
Making Your Family Life Happy —Yoruba

● New Cassette Recordings Available:
Jehovah's Name to Be Declared in All The Earth—Drama (single cassette) —Finnish
The Good News According to Matthew (set of three) —Danish, Japanese
The Good News According to Mark (set of two) —Danish, Japanese

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Directing Interest (*Cont'd*)

attend congregation meetings, why not take the initiative to ask them for workable ideas and suggestions? In time you will have a wealth of material to effectively employ in conducting your studies.

WHY BENEFICIAL

[6] If we fail to channel the student's attention to the organization, we inhibit his progress toward genuine discipleship. He must appreciate that the doctrinal truths being learned find their source, not in us, but in the Scriptural worldwide arrangement of worship Jehovah is using and blessing. Help your students develop the conviction of heart that will impel them to associate with us. (Zech. 8:20-23; 1 Cor. 14:24, 25) Imitate Jesus and enthusiastically direct honest-hearted ones to Jehovah's visible organization. Future issues of *Our Kingdom Ministry* will outline additional suggestions, including use of the brochure *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* in directing interest to the organization.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

Using "My Book of Bible Stories"

1 *My Book of Bible Stories* has filled a need. Parents interested in teaching their children needed a book designed for that purpose. The Society saw that need and filled it. The book is simple but not childish. Its large print is appreciated by both young and old. Its many pictures are appealing to young minds. The short stories, related in a colorful manner, hold attention of youngsters. Children need something that extracts the lessons and principles from a Bible story and explains them in a way that young minds can grasp.

2 After finding it difficult to conduct a family study, one parent that started using the book happily told us: "My children and I now find it a great pleasure." Obviously pleased, a mother wrote: "My five-year-old never fails to bring the book to me at bedtime." After a few studies with her children, another parent happily observed: "It is amazing how much their little minds can grasp!"

3 We have also heard from youngsters who like the book. One told us that "it makes the Bible come alive!" A teenager related: "When I started reading it, it was very hard to put it down." An eight-year-old exclaims: "It is my favorite book ever since I have been living!" A ten-year-old expressed appreciation for the book saying: "I would like to have faith in Jesus like his disciples."

4 These expressions should encourage us to make good use of this book. Can you think of opportunities to offer it informally to others? Some youngsters have taken it to school and placed copies with their classmates. A number of teachers have taken copies and some of them have later read stories to their classes. Numerous placements have resulted from simply showing the book to visiting friends or neighbors. Offering it as a gift to relatives or workmates has accounted for many placements. One brother was able to start many conversations about the Bible simply by displaying and reading the book during his daily ride on public transportation.

5 When offering the *Bible Stories* book from door to door, many feel that if they can get it into the hands of the householder, it will virtually place itself. Its modest cost is appealing. Many adults find its simple, direct approach to the Bible to be refreshing; do not hesitate to offer it to them. If older persons you meet have other interests, offer any one of the 192-page books.

6 How could you start a conversation using the book? You might ask: "Do you think the earth will ever be a happy and peaceful place to live?" Turn to story 71 and relate highlights from Isaiah 11:6-9 or Revelation 21:3, 4. Or, you might pose this question: "Do you find it difficult to explain the Bible to your children? If so, this book can help you. Let me show you how it can help you to explain the meaning of the Lord's prayer." Review the highlights of story 91.

7 Also, remember that the entire text of this book is now available on cassette tapes. Parents have found them ideal for teaching the Bible to children who have not yet learned to read. What an excellent way to help them develop their reading ability, and at the same time, learn the fundamentals of God's Word. The use of these tapes may divert their attention away from the unwholesome television programming which causes parents so much concern. When making return visits on families who have shown interest, inform them of the cassette tapes and describe their practical value.

8 So, *My Book of Bible Stories* has filled a need. It can help us fulfill our God-given responsibility to rear our children "in the discipline and mental-regulating of Jehovah." We will find cause for real joy in being able to impart "the comfort from the Scriptures" that can bring our children a sure hope for the future.—Eph. 6:4; Rom. 15:4.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Happiness—How to Find It:*

August 1: Pages 30 to 40
August 8: Pages 41 to 50
August 15: Pages 51 to 61*
August 22: Pages 61* to 70*
August 29: Pages 70* to 78*

* To or from subheading.

MAY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	436	132.9	100.3	52.1	5.3
Pios.	20,299	85.2	58.8	32.4	3.6
Aux. Pios.	35,204	59.1	41.4	17.4	1.5
Pubs.	533,545	8.8	7.9	3.6	0.5
TOTAL	589,484				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 3,144

MEMORIAL REPORT

	1982	1981	Difference
Total Attendance	1,499,284	1,463,070	+36,214=2.5%
Number of Partakers	4,206	4,204	+2

Meetings for Field Service

AUGUST 2-8

When offering the "Bible Stories" book:

1. How will you tie in the Topic for Conversation?
2. What features will you highlight?

AUGUST 9-15

How will our cooperation help:

1. When group is being organized for service?
2. When directions are given for working in the territory?
3. To avoid loss of time in service?

AUGUST 16-22

Why is it considerate to:

1. Close gates and screen doors when leaving?
2. Avoid leaving literature exposed in the door?
3. Use sidewalks instead of crossing lawns?

AUGUST 23-29

How can children share in giving a witness:

1. By using a tract or handbill?
2. By reading a Scripture?
3. By pointing out highlights of the literature offer?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Is God's Kingdom Near?
Matt. 6:10—We pray for it.
Luke 21:31, 32—Nearness of Kingdom.

Branch Letter *(Cont'd)*

reached during April in Austria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Spain, Sweden, Venezuela, West Germany and 15 other lands. In quite a number of countries April was the best month thus far in reporting total hours, return visits, home Bible studies and auxiliary pioneers.

With overseers taking the lead, publishers and pioneers everywhere are demonstrating a zealous spirit in developing new interest and directing Bible students to the organization. Also, there is no question that the house-to-house ministry is reaching more of the 'deserving ones.' (Matt. 10:11) What a grand privilege we have to be engaged in this holy work of the good news! —Rom. 15:15, 16.

Your Brothers,
BROOKLYN BRANCH OFFICE

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Meetings for Field Service

AUGUST 30–SEPTEMBER 5
Offering "Truth" book

1. How will you tie in Topic for Conversation?
2. What points from book can be highlighted?
3. What if householder has publication?

SEPTEMBER 6-12
Use of Bible

1. Why is it effective to read texts from Bible?
2. When might it be best to paraphrase scriptures?
3. Why be careful about appearance of our Bible?

SEPTEMBER 13-19
How can Bible study be started:

1. On initial call?
2. On return visit?
3. When no literature is placed?

SEPTEMBER 20-26
How would you respond to:

1. "I'm busy!"
2. "Someone was here about two weeks ago."
3. "I've had your literature before!"

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Happiness—How to Find It:*

September 5:	Pages	78*	to	85
September 12:	Pages	86	to	95
September 19:	Pages	96	to	102
September 26:	Pages	103	to	111

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* To or from subheading.

Rejoicing in Jehovah's Bountiful Provisions

1 "Always rejoice in the Lord. Once more I will say, Rejoice!" (Phil. 4:4) Jehovah's Witnesses are indeed rejoicing, due to the bountiful provisions that we have received during the 1982 service year. There is no doubt that Jehovah has blessed us abundantly. —Prov. 10:22.

2 Consider some of the provisions for which we can be thankful. Over 40,000 elders received further instruction at the Kingdom Ministry School and many of our regular pioneers were able to attend the Pioneer Service School during the month of August. We were privileged to hear the special talk "The Only Cure for Sick Mankind" and experience the joy of an all-time peak attending the Memorial celebration in April. There was also an all-time peak in publishers during the month of April. Then again, a fine provision has been made to aid many individuals who had become inactive through the years. But, without doubt, one of the outstanding highlights of the service year was the "Kingdom Truth" District Convention, with its fine releases. Yes, Jehovah has surely blessed his people.

WHAT WILL WE DO NOW?

3 As we all look back on the bountiful provisions that we have received from Jehovah during the service year just concluded, it is proper to ask ourselves, 'What will we do now?' Unitedly we will press on, even more firmly in our resolve to continue faithfully serving Jehovah. We will endeavor to apply the things that we have learned as well as make good use of the valuable information and literature received at the district conventions.

VALUE OF "TRUTH" BOOK

4 In thinking back over an extended period of time, we realize that the *Truth* book has been an

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Directing Interest to the Organization—Part II

1 It is the earnest desire of Christian teachers to help their home Bible students to acquire a spiritually solid foundation. This is accomplished by progressively studying God's written Word, sounding its truths down into their minds and hearts. (Matt. 7:24-27) More is necessary than simply teaching doctrinal information. We must build appreciation for Jehovah's organization so that our students will act upon what they have learned and become a working part of the Christian congregation. (Jas. 2:26) From time to time publishers contact the Society, asking for suggestions and printed material that they can use in helping their Bible students. As you will recall the August issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* recommended using the brochure *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century*. These can be ordered by the congregation if local supplies are depleted. Each brochure is placed on a contribution of 15c and is reported as a booklet placement. We suggest that you give consideration to using this brochure as it contains a wealth of information that can be used with both new and advanced students.

2 This 32-page brochure, first released in 1978, was designed to acquaint people with the organization and work of Jehovah's Witnesses. It was offered to the public when released at the convention and later from house to house in 1979. It provides an excellent witness. You should take the initiative in placing copies with your Bible students, if you have not already done so. The Scriptural references, illustrations and text can all be of great assistance in reaching the hearts of sincere persons.

SPECIFIC POINTS TO USE

3 Let us consider material that may be especially effective with a new student. Congregation meetings play an important role in the lives of Jehovah's people and so we want our students to attend these meetings with us as soon as possible. This subject is considered on pages 18-20 of the brochure. Each of the five weekly meetings is briefly described and Scriptural references are cited. You may find it helpful to read with the student the two paragraphs starting at the bottom of page 18. Highlight the direction given at Hebrews 10:24,

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 5

Song 28

7 min: Local announcements and Announcements.

20 min: "Rejoicing in Jehovah's Bountiful Provisions." Questions and answers.

18 min: Discussion of Topic for Conversation. Review presentation with audience and consider possible introductions and points to tie scriptures together. Have demonstration of suggested presentation. After introduction, publisher could say: "Due to the international tension and recent conflicts many concerned persons are wondering if the future of the earth is really secure." (Ask householder for his personal viewpoint.) "The Bible foretold events of our day and indicated that many persons would be overwhelmed with fear." (Read or quote Luke 21:26.) Show how many persons are becoming increasingly fearful. However, those who put their trust in God and his kingdom have basis for hope. (Read Psalm 119:90.) Highlight that God will not allow earth to be destroyed, but will bring an end to wicked system. His purpose for earth and mankind is nicely illustrated in *Truth* book on page 4. (Review illustration with householder.) This publication will assist sincere persons to learn more about God's provision. Chairman encourages all to use new Topic for Conversation in offering *Truth* book during month. Also, illustrate how current magazines can be used to highlight this subject. Of special interest is the September 22 issue of *Awake!* that features the question "Will Life on Earth Be Ended in a Nuclear Holocaust?"

Song 58 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 12

Song 73

10 min: Local announcements and accounts report.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—In School." Questions and answers.

15 min: Discussion by service overseer based on *Organization* book, pages 121 and 122. Consider also how publishers may be able to start home Bible studies in *Truth* book. Include brief demonstrations. Stress goal of starting new studies this month. Invite some who have already started studies to relate their experiences. Refer to paragraph 7 of article "Rejoice in Jehovah's Bountiful Provisions."

Song 71 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 19

Song 15

5 min: Local announcements.

15 min: "Are You Having a Share in Assisting Inactive Ones?" Question-and-answer coverage of material. Encourage all to show brotherly love toward the inactive ones they may visit and greet at Kingdom Hall. Highlight value of keeping positive attitude.

25 min: Manifesting Christian Manners. Elder reviews with audience participation the following points related to good manners: (2 min.) Good manners have been defined as showing consideration in little things such as being punctual, asking before borrowing things that belong to others, giving thanks and saying "please," and so forth. The basic underlying principle is love. (10 min.) In the congregation: Families with small children show consideration for others by taking seats in the rear so as not to disturb others. When babies cry, consideration and good manners are demonstrated by parents if they temporarily withdraw from the main auditorium to calm the child. (Compare Matthew 7:12.) Christian manners rule out talking while the meeting is in progress, arriving late for meetings or allowing children to interrupt the meeting by frequent and unnecessary trips to the rest room or by their running at any time in the Kingdom Hall. (Eccl. 3:1, 7; 1 Cor. 14:40) When attending the book study, it would be appropriate to dress as when attending the regular meetings at the Kingdom Hall. (8 min.) In field service: Christian manners require that one be presentable when in field service — neat, clean, shoes shined, hair combed, clothing pressed. A sincere and friendly smile and greeting are also part of Christian manners. (Luke 10:5) When preaching on busy streets it is necessary to be tactful, friendly, not shouting, not overly insistent, not interfering with the flow of passersby. When making return visits, show appreciation for the hospitality extended by maintaining a proper reserve, avoiding the tendency to become unduly familiar.—Phil. 1:27. (5 min.) The fact that one means well and acts from pure motives does not justify forgetting about Christian manners. (Luke 6:31) Although some may feel that Christian manners are insignificant, they are vital.—2 Cor. 6:3-7.

Remind congregation of second Saturday magazine day and to bring brochure *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* to Service Meeting next week.

Song 55 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING SEPTEMBER 26

Song 99

8 min: Local announcements. Also remind publishers to continue efforts toward starting new home Bible studies in *Truth* book. How many have reached goal of conducting a new study this month? Relate brief experience as time allows.

15 min: "Directing Interest to the Organization—Part II." Questions and answers. Encourage publishers to follow along in brochure as this information is considered. Have qualified publisher who is good teacher demonstrate use of material in paragraph 3 in encouraging Bible student to appreciate importance of attending congregation meetings.

12 min: Use for local needs or have talk on subject: "A Future for Today's Youth" from *Watchtower* of June 1, 1982, pages 5-8. Encourage youth locally to develop wholesome goals.

10 min: Review subscription offer for October and highlight talking points from October 1 and 8 magazines that can be used in field service. Encourage all to participate in field service next Sunday, the first Sunday of the month.

Song 119 and prayer.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Earth's Future—Secure!

Luke 21:26—Many fear for earth's future.

Ps. 119:90—God's sure promise gives hope.

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Are You Having a Share in Assisting Inactive Ones?

1 “Rejoice with me, because I have found my sheep that was lost.” (Luke 15:6) This feeling of rejoicing is being experienced by many brothers and sisters in congregations where inactive ones are returning to the flock. In these critical days it is indeed a joy to be able to assist some of our brothers who, for one reason or another, stopped associating with us. We share Jehovah’s viewpoint concerning them, that “it is not a desirable thing . . . for one of these little ones to perish.”—Matt. 18:14.

2 Of course, in order for more of us to have this joy, continued effort is required. Why? A lost sheep is usually quite helpless. It is the shepherd who does the searching to recover it. Thus, a real effort is necessary to search for, find, and then nourish a lost sheep. In his illustration, Jesus indicated that the shepherd would leave the ninety-nine behind and go for the lost one *until he finds it*.—Luke 15:4.

HOW ALL CAN HELP

3 The February issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* indicated that the secretary and the service overseer will coordinate matters in order to assign well-qualified publishers to conduct home Bible studies with inactive ones. However, this does not mean that the rest of the congregation cannot help also. Positive results have been obtained by the united efforts of all the publishers.

4 Recently a circuit overseer visited a former special pioneer couple who had been inactive for two years. After telling the traveling brother of their problems, with many tears, they both decided to come back to the congregation. In time they began sharing in the field service. How do they feel now? The wife states: “I would like to express my appreciation for the Christian love and warmth you have shown us. I felt like I had a two-ton load lifted off of me.” She concluded her letter to the circuit overseer, saying: “I pray that this will never happen to me again. Heartfelt thanks for coming when you did and for even coming back after my being cool to you. You helped me to see things were not hopeless. I will never forget you.”

5 It is good to recognize that for persons who have been away from the congregation it may be somewhat difficult to attend meetings once again. Timidity or shame may make it difficult for them at first. How loving it would be for all of us to take the initiative in greeting these individuals when they come to the Kingdom Hall. It will show them that we are happy, yes, that we “rejoice” to have them with us. Our show of concern should not be limited to their initial return, but every time they come to the Kingdom Hall we should make them feel welcome. Are you having a share in assisting inactive ones in this way?

6 We are pleased to see that many congregations have experienced positive results because of taking to heart the program of assisting inactive ones. A circuit overseer reported recently that in one congregation seven were reactivated. One sister told the elders she had been waiting for someone to call and assist her, as she found it difficult to begin associating again on her own.

7 It is possible that some may not want to be helped. Jesus said: “IF he happens to find it,” he rejoices. (Matt. 18:13) So, if it happens that we do not have success in reactivating some, we will not be overly disappointed, knowing that we tried hard to help.

8 Searching for something that has been lost usually takes time, patience and a positive attitude. Results may not come as quickly as we would like. But this is no reason to become discouraged. We need to keep on expending ourselves in this, knowing that it is “not a desirable thing . . . for one of these little ones to perish.” (Matt. 18:14) May we all endeavor to have a share in assisting inactive ones.

Directing Interest (*Cont’d*)

25 and Proverbs 27:17. Show the student the Kingdom Hall scenes on pages 19 and 20 that depict both the outside and inside appearance of a typical Kingdom Hall. Contrast this with most churches of Christendom. When considering this material, refer specifically to your local Kingdom Hall. If available, provide your student with a handbill showing the address and times of local meetings. Thereafter, in the weeks to come, you can progressively explain in detail the five weekly meetings, highlighting their purpose, how they are conducted, publications used, and so forth. You may want to concentrate on considering one meeting in detail each week, thus having sufficient subject material for a five week period. Do you not agree that such a program should assist your student to appreciate better the need to attend congregation meetings?

4 At an appropriate time you may take up with your student the matter of contributions. You may mention to him that Jehovah’s Witnesses gladly give of their time and resources in conducting free home Bible studies. But when it comes to support and maintenance of their organization, such as the local Kingdom Hall, expenses are involved. However, Jehovah’s Witnesses do not take up collections at their meetings, as do the churches of Christendom. A contribution box is provided at the meeting place and those attending may contribute if they so desire. This is entirely voluntary. Pages 29 and 30 of the brochure may be used as a basis for this discussion.

5 It may be explained that while Christians are not required to tithe they still have countless opportunities to honor God with their “valuable things.” (Prov. 3:9, 10) Review principles recorded at 2 Corinthians 9:7 and Luke 21:1-4 with the student showing that our giving is motivated by Christian love and that it is the spirit of giving that counts, not the amount given. Christian giving is a wonderful privilege that affords us the opportunity to display our love for Jehovah and for our brothers. Progressive Bible students will appreciate learning these things.

6 Are we as teachers doing all that we can to help our students gain appreciation for Jehovah’s organization? Could we do more? We encourage you to employ these suggestions, praying to Jehovah for his continued direction and blessing. Additional information on this subject will be forthcoming.

JUNE SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp’l Pios.	362	125.4	85.2	50.0	5.3
Pios.	20,322	77.6	48.6	29.7	3.5
Aux. Pios.	16,942	58.8	35.9	17.6	1.6
Pubs.	532,833	8.4	7.0	3.5	0.5
TOTAL	570,459				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 8,032

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

In School

1 “Praise Jehovah . . . you young men and also you virgins, you old men together with boys.” (Ps. 148:7, 12) While attending school youths have a splendid opportunity to praise the name of Jehovah. Among their classmates, as well as school teachers, a large field for witnessing is opened. At times it may seem difficult to witness to classmates or teachers. But there is no need to feel embarrassed or afraid. Jehovah has promised: “I am with you to deliver you.” —Jer. 1:8.

HOW TO WITNESS IN SCHOOL

2 Consider the following questions: ‘Do I take advantage of opportunities at school to speak about Jehovah’s purposes? Does my conduct reflect well on Jehovah, the God with whom others identify me?’—Ps. 145:21; Matt. 21:16.

3 Take advantage of opportunities when the subject of evolution is considered. Some youthful witnesses have used such occasions to place the publication, *Did Man Get Here by Evolution or by Creation?* with some of their teachers and classmates. They have used this book in class discussions in skillfully defending the Bible’s record of the creation account. Due to the prevalence of promiscuity and misuse of drugs in school, some Christian youths have successfully used the publication, *Your Youth—Getting the Best out of It.* This book considers a number of subjects that are of interest to youths.

4 Take the *initiative* in witnessing at school. Consider this experience of a Christian youth: “During free class periods I had many, many opportunities to witness, especially around holiday time. By leaving Bible publications on my desk where others could see them, many interested students approached me. The most rewarding experience involved my civics teacher. I had placed a publication with one of her students, and the girl was reading it in class one day when the teacher noticed it and asked where she had obtained the book.” Eventually a number of students began attending meetings at the Kingdom Hall and the teacher also progressed to the point of becoming a dedicated Witness! All of this occurred because an alert Christian youth took the initiative to witness in school.

5 In your *daily conversations* with classmates, you can often find an opportunity to discuss a Biblical topic. With the increasing of violence and the growing fear that a nuclear war may end all life on this earth, you can easily explain to your classmates God’s view of world conditions and the future of the earth. Remember that while you will want to be bold, it is vital to be tactful, showing consideration for the others’ viewpoints.—Col. 4:6.

6 Youths, do not minimize the fine contribution that you can make in praising Jehovah while in school. Be confident that God can use you too in the accomplishing of his purpose to have this good news preached earth wide.

Bountiful Provisions (*Cont’d*)

outstanding provision from Jehovah. It has played a major role in the proclamation of the good news concerning Jehovah’s kingdom. Since its release in 1968, over 100 million copies in more than 116 languages have been produced by the Society. This has contributed to over one million publishers being added to our ranks since that time. After 14 years of use it is still an effective aid!

5 We will want to offer the *Truth* book enthusiastically to the public during September. There are several subjects that can be highlighted. Chapter 1 outlines the grand blessings from God that are so near at hand. Many honest-hearted persons are fearful of world developments and are looking for a remedy. God’s kingdom is the only solution and it is through this government that blessings will come to mankind. (Matt. 6:10; Dan. 2:44) Chapter 20 outlines the building blocks for a happy family life and should be of special interest to many families in our territory.

6 Chapters 2, 14 and 15 can be highlighted to show people why it is wise to examine their religion, how to identify the true religion and how they can get out from among the false ones. Babylon the Great will soon be destroyed and honest-hearted persons must act quickly if they are to be saved.

7 Be sure to follow through on all interest and placements, calling back with the purpose of starting a home Bible study. You may be able to use the very chapter that sparked the original interest. If you prepare well and seek Jehovah’s direction, he will bless your sincere efforts and you may soon be conducting a new Bible study in the *Truth* book.

8 Let us enthusiastically highlight the *Truth* book during September in helping sheeplike individuals to appreciate God’s purpose for man and the earth. As we begin the new service year and reflect on Jehovah’s bountiful provisions, we can truly exclaim, ‘Always rejoice in the Lord!’

Announcements

● Literature offer for September: *Truth* book for 75c. October and November: Subscriptions for either *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* for $3.50 each for a one year subscription; six month subscription $2.00. December: *New World Translation* and any 192-page book for $3.75.

● When the district overseer visits a host congregation during the week of the circuit assembly a 45-minute Congregation Book Study will be arranged by the presiding overseer. This will be followed by the district overseer’s talk which will be 45-minutes in length.

● Congregation accounts should be audited on September 1 or as soon as possible thereafter, by the presiding overseer or someone appointed by him.

● We are pleased to announce that a new *Cost List* has been prepared. Four copies are being sent to each congregation. The secretary should keep one copy, the other three should be given to the brothers caring for the literature, magazines and accounts.

● Literature price changes — effective September 1, 1982

Publication	Pioneer	Congregation & Public
Reading Aid	$ .15	$ .15
Postcards (set of 10)	.50	.50
Watchtower Binder	3.00	3.00
Awake! Binder	3.00	3.00
Kingdom Recordings Album (cakr)	5.50	7.00
Music Record Set (P1-10)	7.50	10.00
Single Records (P1, P2 etc.)	.75	1.25
Medical Alert Card	.01	.01

● New Publications Available:

You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth —English, Spanish
Making Your Family Life Happy —Hungarian
Choosing the Best Way of Life —Arabic
Life Does Have a Purpose —Hungarian
Enjoy Life on Earth Forever! —Chinese, English, French, Greek, Portuguese, Spanish

● New Cassette Recordings Available:

The Good News According to Luke (set of three) —Danish
The Good News According to John (set of three) —Danish
Acts of Apostles (set of three) —Danish, Japanese
To the Romans (set of two) —Danish
The First to the Corinthians (set of two) —Danish
Beware of Losing Faith by Drawing Away From Jehovah – Drama (single cassette) —English

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Meetings for Field Service

SEPTEMBER 27–OCTOBER 3

Preparing for subscription campaign

1. Why is preparation vital?
2. Why is Topic for Conversation appropriate?
3. Why personally read magazines?

OCTOBER 4-10

What do you suggest:

1. As talking point from current magazines?
2. If householder does not subscribe?
3. If householder is busy?

OCTOBER 11-17

Regarding subscription offer

1. Why should householders subscribe?
2. How can we help them appreciate this?
3. Why must we maintain positive attitude?

OCTOBER 18-24

Make wise use of literature

1. Should we quickly give away literature?
2. When should we leave an old issue of magazine?
3. Why avoid leaving magazines in mailbox or exposed?

OCTOBER 25-31

Directing interest to organization

1. Why is this important?
2. What methods have you found effective?
3. What published aids can be helpful?

Keep the Word of Jehovah Moving Speedily

1 The apostle Paul encouraged the brothers in Thessalonica: "Carry on prayer for us, that the word of Jehovah may keep moving speedily and being glorified." (2 Thess. 3:1) Yes, Paul saw the need back there for 'the word of Jehovah to move speedily' so that as many as possible could be reached with the message of truth. Now that we are living so close to the end of this wicked system of things, do we appreciate the need for the word to move speedily in our day?—Zeph. 1:14.

2 We recognize that only with Jehovah's blessing can our work meet with success. (Ps. 127:1) So when we meet for service we always unite in prayer for Jehovah's guidance and blessing. And no doubt many times while we are engaged in the ministry we seek Jehovah's help so that we may effectively share the truth with others. But Jesus encouraged his followers to pray for something else. What was that? For more workers to share in the harvest. (Matt. 9:35-38) We want to pray in that same way, and thereafter act in harmony with those prayers.

REGULARITY IN SERVICE

3 What would you do if someone prohibited you from speaking or saying a word for a whole month? Or for six months or even longer? Would it be possible to spend so much time without speaking or conversing with someone? It would be difficult indeed! Nevertheless, some have allowed a month to pass without speaking to others about the message of the Kingdom of God, allowing themselves to become irregular publishers. Others have permitted six months or more to go by without talking to others about the truth, thus becoming inactive.

4 How can such a situation arise? A clue is found in these words of Jesus: "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." (Matt. 12:34) If our hearts are filled with appreciation for Jehovah's Kingdom and all that he has done, we will be moved to share in the preaching and teaching work on a regular basis. Our attitude will be exactly that of the disciples of Jesus who said of themselves: "As for us, we cannot stop speak-

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NEW PEAK OF 605,814 PUBLISHERS

After the excellent report last April we are very thankful that 605,814 publishers reported in July. This represents a 7.5-percent increase over last year's average and is the first time we have reached and exceeded 600,000 publishers. Although most of the district conventions in the U.S. were held that month, it is evident the brothers made a special effort to share in the field ministry. At the 104 U.S. district conventions there was an all-time peak in attendance of 1,108,022—another cause for rejoicing! May we continue to have "plenty to do in the work of the Lord," knowing this results in rich blessings.—1 Cor. 15:58.

New "Live Forever" Book Creates Excitement

1 "Do not miss the presentation with which Saturday's program concludes," *The Watchtower* advised when telling about the coming district convention, "it will feature information that will have long-lasting effects on the Kingdom-preaching work worldwide."

2 How excited we were to be there and to receive what was being referred to—the new book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth!* Already, in our Brooklyn printery, the 5,000,000 first-edition printing has been exceeded. And about 2,000,000 more copies have been produced in our printeries in Germany and Japan.

3 It was noted at our recent conventions that in the some 20 years that *"Let God Be True"* was our primary study book (from 1946 to the mid-1960's) over 1,000,000 new Kingdom proclaimers were added to our ranks. Then another 1,000,000 publishers were added when *The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life* became our primary study book following its release in 1968. With the use of our new study book, *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth,* will we see a similar expansion in the ranks of the Kingdom publishers? Surely, if this be Jehovah's will!

4 However, is this new publication just what we need for the great Kingdom work ahead? Well, as the letter from "The Publishers" in your convention copy of the *Live Forever* book says: "It contains all the important Bible truths that new ones need to understand in order to dedicate

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 3

Song 81

8 min: Local announcements and Announcements. All should endeavor to participate in magazine work this coming Saturday, which is the second Saturday of October.

20 min: "Presenting the Good News—By Offering *Watchtower* and *Awake!* Subscriptions." Question-and-answer discussion. In considering paragraph 3 ask audience what specific points they have used or plan to use in connection with the October 8 *Awake!* Demonstrate suggestions outlined in paragraphs 6 and 7.

17 min: Prepare locally according to needs. Or consider "Moneylending and Christian Love" from August 1, 1982, *Watchtower*.

Song 10 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 10

Song 103

10 min: Local announcements. Review congregation report for September.

20 min: "Keep the Word of Jehovah Moving Speedily." Question-and-answer discussion. Consider scriptures cited as time allows. Briefly interview two or three publishers when considering paragraph 5, showing how being regular in field service has been of help to them.

15 min: "New *'Live Forever'* Book Creates Excitement." Service overseer conducts discussion of article and has paragraphs read. When considering paragraphs 4 and 5 call for local reactions to release of book at district convention.

Song 89 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 17

Song 29

8 min: Local announcements and accounts report.

25 min: "Directing Interest to the Organization—Part III." Talk by elder. Have two brief demonstrations showing what may be done to acquaint student with organization, using brochure *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century*.

Demonstration #1: Effective teacher considers with student key points from page 6 of the brochure, highlighting the modern-day organization of Jehovah's Witnesses. Show growth from a small group of Bible students to thousands of congregations worldwide; from 50 persons in full-time service in 1888 to over 150,000 in world currently. Use *1982 Yearbook* to show student current number of Jehovah's Witnesses worldwide. Highlight purpose of this publication. The modern-day organization of Jehovah's Witnesses has been active for more than 100 years.

Demonstration #2: Another qualified teacher considers material from pages 30 and 31 with more advanced student, encouraging participation in the preaching work. Read key paragraphs and consider Bible texts as time allows. Make arrangements for student to accompany publisher in door-to-door work as an observer.

Chairman concludes by encouraging all to be conscious of directing persons to Jehovah's organization. Use suggestions that have been presented in last three issues of *Our Kingdom Ministry*.

12 min: "New Subscription System." Discuss with audience. Encourage prompt follow-through on subscription renewal slips. Include brief demonstration or experiences as time permits.

Song 108 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 24

Song 68

8 min: Announcements and consider daily text briefly.

15 min: "A Wise View of Education." Talk based on two articles, pages 11-15 of July 15, 1982, *Watchtower*.

10 min: Following Through on Subscription Prospects. Talk and demonstration showing need to follow through on all interest found. Demonstrate return visit on individual who took magazines to see what they were like or someone who wanted to subscribe but did not have the money at time. Encourage all to be subscription conscious.

12 min: Local experiences in field service. Line up some participants ahead of time, preferably auxiliary or regular pioneers, who had interesting experiences recently in field. Encourage participation in field service this weekend.

Song 41 and prayer.

"Live Forever" (*Cont'd*)

their lives to Jehovah and to serve him acceptably. . . . So this is indeed an excellent book to use in studying with everyone, young or old, no matter what their standard of education." But what has been your reaction to the development of the book's subject material and the way it is written?

[5] No doubt you were impressed by the more than 150 visual illustrations. These are not just attractive decorations in the book, rather, they are real teaching aids. They are designed and placed so as to emphasize the point of the text being considered. Thus the reader or student can consider the content of the pictures along with the material being studied. And well-worded captions briefly and concisely highlight the teaching

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Word of Jehovah (*Cont'd*)

ing about the things we have seen and heard."—Acts 4:20.

[5] We experience fine effects by sharing regularly in the service. Our own faith is strengthened. When individuals ask questions this prompts us to do further research; in this way our own knowledge grows. The more we use the Bible, the more our ability to give Scriptural answers improves. —1 Pet. 3:15.

[6] Think of how the truth has helped us! It has comforted us with the marvelous hope for the future. And it has helped many of us to overcome bad habits. When we give consideration to how precious the truth is to us, we will be moved to help others.

SUBSCRIPTIONS SUPPLY SPIRITUAL FOOD

[7] During October and November we will have the privilege of featuring subscriptions to either *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* or to both. Those who obtain subscriptions will have the opportunity of receiving a regular supply of spiritually upbuilding information. How about yourself? It is a fine thing if each member of a family has a personal subscription. Then each one is better equipped to urge others to subscribe also.

[8] When going from house to house, do not hesitate to offer subscriptions. Sometimes we may be inclined to prejudge individuals as not being interested enough to subscribe or too poor to afford a subscription. But rather than let such personal feelings hold us back, we should go ahead and make the offer. Why withhold good from anyone? The householders may surprise us! And, of course, the magazines will do much to benefit them. Think of it, they can get a whole year's supply of spiritual food for less than the cost of a meal of material food! But if in-

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THEOCRATIC MINISTRY SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR 1983

INSTRUCTIONS

During 1983 the following will be the arrangements when conducting the Theocratic Ministry School.

TEXTBOOKS: The *New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures, The Watchtower* [*w*], *Awake!* [*g*], *Bible Topics for Discussion* [*td*], and the books *Aid to Bible Understanding* [*ad*], *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial"* [*si*], *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook* [*sg*] and *My Book of Bible Stories* [*my*].
The school will begin with song and prayer and remarks of welcome, and then proceed as follows:

ASSIGNMENT NO. 1: 15 minutes. This should be handled by an elder if possible, or, when necessary, by a qualified ministerial servant. When based on the *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook,* this should be delivered as a 10-minute instruction talk followed by a five-minute oral review, using the questions provided at the end of each study. Since usually only part of a study is assigned each week, the brother handling this assignment should be careful to cover only the portion of the material that is assigned. The objective should be not just to cover the material but to focus attention on the *practical value* of the information being discussed. All are encouraged to make careful advance preparation so as to benefit fully from this material.
When based on *"All Scripture Is Inspired of God and Beneficial,"* this assignment should be delivered as a 15-minute instruction talk, with no oral review following. Once again, the objective is not just to summarize the material, but rather to focus attention on the practical value of the information, highlighting what will be most helpful to the congregation.
The brother handling Assignment No. 1 should be given private counsel, if necessary.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM BIBLE READING: 6 minutes. This should be handled by the school overseer or another qualified elder assigned by him. This should not be just a summary of the assigned reading. After giving a *brief* overall view of the assigned chapters, help the audience to appreciate *why* and *how* the information is of value to us. To the extent possible include the audience in the discussion. The students will then be dismissed to their various classrooms.

TALK NO. 2: 5 minutes. This is a Bible reading of the assigned material to be given by a brother. The reading assignments are usually short enough to permit the student to present brief explanatory information in the opening and concluding remarks, and even at intermediate points. Historical background, prophetic or doctrinal significance and application of principles may be included. *All* the assigned verses should actually be read. The material may also be presented by a boy reading it to a qualified older brother who may then use questions to draw comments from the boy on the value of the material.

TALK NO. 3: 5 minutes. This talk will be assigned to a sister, including younger ones, whenever possible. When delivering the talk, the student may be either seated or standing. One assistant will be scheduled by the school overseer, but additional assistants may be used. Settings could include situations arising at home, in the field ministry, in the congregation or elsewhere. The one giving the talk may either initiate the conversation to establish the setting or have her assistant(s) do so. Not the setting but the material should be given prime consideration.

TALK NO. 4: 5 minutes. Assigned preferably to a brother with some experience. This should be a talk to the entire audience. While giving his talk from notes, the speaker, when he thinks it fitting, may read quotations or pointed excerpts from the assigned material. It will usually be best for the speaker to prepare his talk with the Kingdom Hall audience in mind, so that it will be truly informative and beneficial to those who actually hear it. However, if the material lends itself better to another practical and suitable setting, the speaker may choose to develop his talk accordingly.
When assigned to a sister, the material should be presented as outlined for Talk No. 3.

COUNSEL AND REMARKS: After each student talk the school overseer will give specific counsel, not necessarily following the program of progressive counsel outlined on the Speech Counsel slip. Rather he should concentrate on those areas where the student needs to improve. In addition, comments on informative and practical points that the students may not have included in the presentation can help to keep the attention of all focused primarily on the Scriptural information presented. The school overseer should be careful to use no more than two minutes for counsel and remarks after each student talk. It would be advisable for those giving talks to sit toward the front of the hall. This will help to save time, and also it will enable the school overseer to give his counsel directly to each student.

PREPARING TALKS: Where the material makes it possible, talks should follow a well-developed theme. Choose a theme that will allow for the best coverage of the material in the allotted time. Prepare all talks with the points in mind to which attention has been drawn by the school overseer.

TIMING: No talk should go overtime. Neither should the counsel and remarks of the school overseer. Talks Nos. 2 through 4 should tactfully be stopped when the time is up. If the school overseer assigns someone to give the "stop signal," that one should be advised as to the importance of doing this whenever a talk goes overtime. If a brother handling Assignment No. 1 goes overtime, he should be given private counsel. All should watch their timing carefully. **Total program: 45 minutes, not counting song and prayer.**

WRITTEN REVIEWS: Periodically, a written review will be given. In preparation, review the assigned material and complete the scheduled Bible reading. Only the Bible may be used during this 25-minute review. Any remaining time will be devoted to a discussion of the questions and answers. Each student will check his own paper and, in reading off all the answers, the school overseer will concentrate on the more difficult questions, helping all to understand the answers clearly. If, for some reason, local circumstances make it necessary, the written review may be used a week later than what is shown on the schedule.

LARGE AND SMALL CONGREGATIONS: Congregations with a school enrollment of 75 or more students may wish to arrange for additional groups of students to deliver the scheduled talks before other counselors. Rotate the students to the various halls. Where it is necessary, sisters may take any student talk, presenting it to someone else, as outlined for Talk No. 3.

ABSENTEES: The entire congregation can show appreciation for this school by being present, when possible, at every weekly session, by preparing their assignments well, and by participating in question sessions. *It is hoped that all students will view their assignments conscientiously.* If a student is not present when scheduled, a volunteer may take the assignment, making whatever application he feels qualified to make on such short notice. Or, the school overseer may cover the material with appropriate audience participation. Non-dedicated persons who are leading lives that conform to Christian principles may also enroll in the school and receive assignments.

SCHEDULE

Jan. 2 Bible reading: Philippians 1 to 4

Song No. 70 "Guard Your Heart!"

No. 1: *si* p. 222 par. 1 to p. 224 par. 14

No. 2: Philippians 4:1-13

No. 3: *my* story 102

No. 4: *w81* 5/15 pp. 12-16

Jan. 9 Bible reading: Colossians 1 to 4

Song No. 56 "Be Forgiving"

No. 1: *si* p. 224 par. 1 to p. 226 par. 14

No. 2: Colossians 3:12-25

No. 3: *td* 49B "How Can We Know When Christ Returns?"

No. 4: *w81* 6/1 pp. 10-12

Jan. 16 Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 1 to 2 Thessalonians 3

Song No. 115 "Be Long-suffering!"

No. 1: *si* p. 227 par. 1 to p. 231 par. 11

No. 2: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-15

No. 3: *td* 55B "What Is the Spirit in Living Creatures?"

No. 4: *w81* 6/15 pp. 4-6

Jan. 23 Bible reading: 1 Timothy 1 to 6

Song No. 63 "Move Ahead!"

No. 1: *si* p. 232 par. 1 to p. 235 par. 19

No. 2: 1 Timothy 4:1-16

No. 3: *td* 56A "Why Should We Avoid Superstition?"

No. 4: *w81* 7/1 pp. 4-6

Jan. 30 Bible reading: 2 Timothy 1 to 4

Song No. 20 "The Scriptures—Inspired and Beneficial"

No. 1: *si* p. 235 par. 1 to p. 237 par. 12

No. 2: 2 Timothy 3:1-17

No. 3: *my* story 103

No. 4: *w81* 7/15 pp. 4-7

Feb. 6 Bible reading: Titus 1 to Philemon

Song No. 111 " 'Rejoice in the Hope Ahead' "

No. 1: *si* p. 237 par. 1 to p. 240 par. 10

No. 2: Titus 2:1-15

No. 3: *my* story 104

No. 4: *g80* 11/22 pp. 25-27

Feb. 13 Bible reading: Hebrews 1 to 4

Song No. 46 "Hail Jehovah's Firstborn!"

No. 1: *si* p. 241 par. 1 to 245 par. 27

No. 2: Hebrews 1:1-14

No. 3: *td* 58D "In What Way Are God and Christ One?"

No. 4: *g80* 12/8 pp. 3, 4

Feb. 20 Bible reading: Hebrews 5 to 7

Song No. 118 "Christ Our Exemplar"

No. 1: *sg* p. 96 par. 1 to p. 99 par. 10

No. 2: Hebrews 5:1-14

No. 3: *td* 60C "Is it Proper to Witness On the Sabbath?"

No. 4: *g80* 12/22 pp. 3, 4

Feb. 27 Written Review. Complete Philippians 1 to Hebrews 7

Song No. 54 "Remember Ezra!"

Mar. 6 Bible reading: Hebrews 8 to 10

Song No. 36 "Meeting in Unity"

No. 1: *sg* p. 100 par. 1 to p. 102 par. 12

No. 2: Hebrews 10:19-39

No. 3: *my* story 105

No. 4: *w81* 8/1 pp. 4-7

Mar. 13 Bible reading: Hebrews 11 to 13

Song No. 78 "We Must Have the Faith!"

No. 1: *sg* p. 103 par. 13 to p. 108 par. 21

No. 2: Hebrews 13:1-17

No. 3: *td* 2C "How Could a God of Love Destroy the Wicked?"

No. 4: *w81* 8/15 pp. 4-7

Mar. 20 Bible reading: James 1 to 5

Song No. 42 "The Prayer of God's Servant"

No. 1: *si* p. 246 par. 1 to p. 248 par. 17

No. 2: James 4:1-17

No. 3: *td* 4A "Is the Bible Really Inspired?"

No. 4: *w81* 9/1 pp. 5-8

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Apr. 3 Bible reading: 1 Peter 1 to 5

Song No. 43 "Gratitude for Divine Patience"

No. 1: *si* p. 249 par. 1 to p. 251 par. 13

No. 2: 1 Peter 3:1-15

No. 3: *my* story 106

No. 4: *g81* 1/8 pp. 3, 4

Apr. 10 Bible reading: 2 Peter 1 to 3

Song No. 117 "Extending Mercy to Others"

No. 1: *si* p. 252 par. 1 to p. 253 par. 10

No. 2: 2 Peter 3:1-13

No. 3: *td* 5B "Is One's Life to Be Saved at All Costs?"

No. 4: *g81* 1/8 pp. 9-11

Apr. 17 Bible reading: 1 John 1 to 5

Song No. 108 "Proof of Discipleship"

No. 1: *si* p. 254 par. 1 to p. 256 par. 13

No. 2: 1 John 4:7-21

No. 3: *td* 6B "Was the Time for Messiah's First Coming Foretold?"

No. 4: *g81* 1/8 pp. 26-28

Apr. 24 Written Review. Complete Hebrews 8 to 1 John 5

Song No. 104 "The Heavens Declare God's Glory"

May 1 Bible reading: 2 John to Jude

Song No. 91 "Contending for the Faith"

No. 1: *si* p. 256 par. 1 to p. 260 par. 10

No. 2: Jude 1-15

No. 3: *my* story 107

No. 4: *w81* 9/1 pp. 8-12

May 8 Bible reading: Revelation 1 to 3

Song No. 74 "Listen to the News of the Kingdom!"

No. 1: *si* p. 261 par. 1 to p. 267 par. 35

No. 2: Revelation 1:1-17a

No. 3: *td* 7B "How Many Make Up the True Church?"

No. 4: *w81* 9/15 pp. 5-7

May 15 Bible reading: Revelation 4 to 8
Song No. 100 "God's Own Book—A Treasure!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 108 par. 1 to p. 112 par. 20
No. 2: Revelation 6:1-11
No. 3: *td* 9B "Were the Creative Days 24 Hours Long?"
No. 4: *w81* 10/1 pp. 4-7

May 22 Bible reading: Revelation 9 to 12
Song No. 6 " 'Be Glad, You Nations' "
No. 1: *sg* p. 113 par. 1 to p. 116 par. 16
No. 2: Revelation 12:1-14
No. 3: *td* 11C "Is It Possible to Talk With the Dead?"
No. 4: *w81* 10/1 pp. 9-12

May 29 Bible reading: Revelation 13 to 16
Song No. 30 "God's Great and Wondrous Works"
No. 1: *sg* p. 116 par. 1 to p. 118 par. 12
No. 2: Revelation 14:1-12
No. 3: *my* story 108
No. 4: *w81* 10/15 pp. 5-7

June 5 Bible reading: Revelation 17 to 19
Song No. 96 "Get Out of Babylon the Great!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 119 par. 13 to p. 121 par. 28
No. 2: Revelation 17:1-14
No. 3: *my* story 109
No. 4: *g81* 1/22 pp. 8-11

June 12 Bible reading: Revelation 20 to 22
Song No. 98 "The Resurrection—God's Loving Provision"
No. 1: *sg* p. 122 par. 1 to p. 125 par. 21
No. 2: Revelation 20:1-15
No. 3: *td* 12A "When Is Dedication Required?"
No. 4: *g81* 2/8 pp. 3, 4

June 19 Bible reading: Genesis 1 to 3
Song No. 19 "Our Paradise: Present and Future"
No. 1: *ad* p. 642 par. 9 to p. 644 par. 6
No. 2: Genesis 3:1-15
No. 3: *td* 14A "Who Is the Devil?"
No. 4: *g81* 2/8 pp. 8-10

June 26 Written Review: Complete 2 John to Genesis 3
Song No. 51 "Preach with Boldness!"

July 3 Bible reading: Genesis 4 to 7
Song No. 71 "O Walk with God!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 126 par. 1 to p. 129 par. 22
No. 2: Genesis 6:1-16
No. 3: *my* story 110
No. 4: *w81* 11/1 pp. 3-6

July 10 Bible reading: Genesis 8 to 11
Song No. 119 "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 130 par. 1 to p. 133 par. 20
No. 2: Genesis 9:1-16
No. 3: *td* 17C "Will the Earth Ever Be Destroyed?"
No. 4: *w81* 11/15 pp. 3, 4

July 17 Bible reading: Genesis 12 to 15
Song No. 80 "Flee to God's Kingdom!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 133 par. 1 to p. 135 par. 8
No. 2: Genesis 15:1-16
No. 3: *td* 23B "When Others Say: 'All Good People Go to Heaven.' "
No. 4: *w81* 11/15 pp. 5-7

July 24 Bible reading: Genesis 16 to 19
Song No. 31 "Appreciating God's Reminders"
No. 1: *sg* p. 135 par. 9 to p. 138 par. 21
No. 2: Genesis 18:20-33
No. 3: *td* 24B "What Is Hell?"
No. 4: *w81* 11/15 pp. 28-30

July 31 Bible reading: Genesis 20 to 23
Song No. 69 " 'It Is Impossible for God to Lie' "
No. 1: *sg* p. 138 par. 1 to p. 141 par. 19
No. 2: Genesis 22:1-5, 9-18
No. 3: *my* story 111
No. 4: *w81* 12/1 pp. 4-8

Aug. 7 Bible reading: Genesis 24 and 25
Song No. 65 "Displaying Loyalty"
No. 1: *sg* p. 142 par. 1 to p. 145 par. 15
No. 2: Genesis 25:19-34
No. 3: *my* story 112
No. 4: *g81* 2/22 pp. 3, 4

Aug. 14 Bible reading: Genesis 26 to 28
Song No. 10 " 'From House to House' "
No. 1: *sg* p. 145 par. 16 to p. 148 par. 34
No. 2: Genesis 28:10-22
No. 3: *td* 26C "What Is Wrong With the Use of Images?"
No. 4: *g81* 3/8 pp. 3, 4

Aug. 21 Bible reading: Genesis 29 to 31
Song No. 1 "Hail Jehovah's Kingdom!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 149 par. 1 to p. 150 par. 8
No. 2: Genesis 29:13-29
No. 3: *td* 27B "When People Say: 'There Is Good in All Religions.' "
No. 4: *g81* 4/22 pp. 10, 11

Aug. 28 Written Review. Complete Genesis 4 to 31
Song No. 66 "Now Is the Time!"

Sept. 4 Bible reading: Genesis 32 to 35
Song No. 84 "Recognizing Earth's New King"
No. 1: *sg* p. 150 par. 9 to p. 153 par. 21
No. 2: Genesis 34:1-7, 25-31
No. 3: *my* story 113
No. 4: *w81* 12/15 pp. 4-7

Sept. 11 Bible reading: Genesis 36 to 38
Song No. 67 "Our Possession of Peace"
No. 1: *sg* p. 153 par. 1 to p. 156 par. 14
No. 2: Genesis 37:1-11, 25-28
No. 3: *td* 30C "How Are Jehovah's Witnesses Financed?"
No. 4: *w82* 1/1 pp. 5-9

Sept. 18 Bible reading: Genesis 39 to 41
Song No. 83 "The Bread from Heaven"
No. 1: *sg* p. 156 par. 15 to p. 158 par. 24
No. 2: Genesis 39:7-12, 17-23
No. 3: *td* 31B "Who Is Jesus Christ?"
No. 4: *w82* 1/15 pp. 4, 5

Sept. 25 Bible reading: Genesis 42 to 44
Song No. 103 "Preach 'This Good News of the Kingdom'!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 158 par. 1 to p. 160 par. 9
No. 2: Genesis 44:18-34
No. 3: *td* 34D "How Do We Know the Last Days Began in 1914?"
No. 4: *w82* 2/1 pp. 4-8

Oct. 2 Bible reading: Genesis 45 to 47
Song No. 62 "We Are Jehovah's Witnesses!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 160 par. 10 to p. 163 par. 24
No. 2: Genesis 45:1-15
No. 3: *my* story 114
No. 4: *g81* 5/8 pp. 3, 4

Oct. 9 Bible reading: Genesis 48 to 50
Song No. 17 "Be Strong in Faith!"
No. 1: *sg* p. 163 par. 1 to p. 165 par. 9
No. 2: Genesis 50:1-3, 15-26
No. 3: *td* 38G "Where Did Cain Get His Wife?"
No. 4: *g81* 6/8 pp. 3, 4

Oct. 16 Bible reading: Exodus 1 to 3
Song No. 95 "Let God Be Found True!"
No. 1: *ad* p. 547 par. 8 to p. 548 par. 7
No. 2: Exodus 3:6-10, 13-17
No. 3: *td* 39C "Was Mary 'Ever Virgin'?"
No. 4: *g81* 7/8 pp. 3, 4

Oct. 23 Bible reading: Exodus 4 to 6
Song No. 56 "Be Forgiving"
No. 1: *sg* p. 165 par. 10 to p. 167 par. 21
No. 2: Exodus 6:1-13
No. 3: *td* 43A "Does God Hear All Prayers?"
No. 4: *g81* 8/8 pp. 3, 4

Oct. 30 Written Review. Complete Genesis 32 to Exodus 6
Song No. 85 "Our Christian Unity"

Nov. 6 Bible reading: Exodus 7 to 9
Song No. 82 "Appreciation of God's Compassions"
No. 1: *sg* p. 168 par. 1 to p. 171 par. 22
No. 2: Exodus 7:14-25
No. 3: *my* story 115
No. 4: *w82* 2/15 pp. 4-6

Nov. 13 Bible reading: Exodus 10 to 12
Song No. 88 "Walking in Integrity"
No. 1: *sg* p. 172 par. 1 to p. 175 par. 13
No. 2: Exodus 12:1-14
No. 3: *td* 44B "When People Say: 'Once Saved, Always Saved.' "
No. 4: *w82* 3/1 pp. 7-9

Nov. 20 Bible reading: Exodus 13 to 15
Song No. 13 " 'Jehovah Has Become King!' "
No. 1: *sg* p. 175 par. 1 to p. 177 par. 14
No. 2: Exodus 14:19-31
No. 3: *td* 45C "Was the Black Race Cursed By God?"
No. 4: *w82* 3/15 pp. 5-7

Nov. 27 Bible reading: Exodus 16 to 18
Song No. 75 "The Fruit of Self-Control"
No. 1: *sg* p. 177 par. 15 to p. 180 par. 29
No. 2: Exodus 18:13-27
No. 3: *td* 47E "Is It Wrong to Change One's Religion?"
No. 4: *w82* 3/15 pp. 29, 30

Dec. 4 Bible reading: Exodus 19 to 21
Song No. 22 "Praise Jehovah, the Rock"
No. 1: *sg* p. 181 par. 1 to p. 183 par. 14
No. 2: Exodus 20:1-17
No. 3: *my* story 116
No. 4: *g81* 8/22 pp. 17-19

Dec. 11 Bible reading: Exodus 22 to 24
Song No. 49 "The Divine Pattern of Love"
No. 1: *sg* 184 par. 15 to p. 187 par. 34
No. 2: Exodus 24:1-18
No. 3: *td* 50B "Must Christians Keep the Sabbath?"
No. 4: *g81* 10/8 pp. 8-11

Dec. 18 Bible reading: Exodus 25 to 27
Song No. 101 "Our Godly Joy"
No. 1: *sg* p. 188 par. 1 to p. 191 par. 13
No. 2: Exodus 25:1-22
No. 3: *td* 52A "Does the Bible Agree With True Science?"
No. 4: *g81* 11/8 pp. 9-12

Dec. 25 Written Review. Complete Exodus 7 to 27
Song No. 107 "An Evening Song to Jehovah"

Directing Interest to the Organization—Part III

1 During the past two months we have considered various ways of using the brochure, *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* to direct interested persons to Jehovah's organization. Let us give further thought to how it may be used.

BE SELECTIVE

2 Advance preparation on your part is needed. Select information from the brochure that will fit the particular needs of the student. Keep in mind that new ones do not all advance at the same rate so you will need to select points for discussion that will enhance the appreciation of each individual. Take into consideration the progress the student has already made. There is a need to be flexible. A good teacher knows the potential of his students and can discern just which points to present at a particular time. (John 16:12) Keep your discussion of the organization progressive, building appreciation week by week.

3 It would be well to make a copy of *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century* available to the student. Then he can be encouraged to take the initiative to read it through. He will have it available as you consider information from it on a regular basis.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR NEW STUDENTS

4 We want our students to appreciate the scope of the work being done by Jehovah's Witnesses, as well as the international brotherhood we enjoy. This should help even very new ones decide to attend congregation meetings without delay. A brief review of the modern-day organization is presented on pages 6 through 9 of the brochure. Building appreciation for the organization can be accomplished by briefly reviewing the heading, "Their Modern Development and Growth." We can emphasize the phenomenal growth of Jehovah's Witnesses during the past 100 years, and point out the value of *The Watchtower* in helping persons to study the Bible. Referring to page 8, we can discuss the increase in circulation of *Awake!* Also, we can discuss our name on the basis of Isaiah 43:10-12.

5 The world headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses at Brooklyn is a beehive of activity. The work done there is described on pages 9 and 10. The illustrations on page 10 show the Society's facilities in New York City and at Watchtower Farms. At these locations volunteer workers prepare and print the Bible literature we use. Help the student to see that all of this is being directed by God's organization in order to accomplish the work commanded by Jesus.—Matt. 28:19, 20.

6 We can direct the attention of more advanced Bible students to finer details on these same topics. For instance, we may refer to page 7 and discuss what is stated about the year 1914 and what has been said about it as "a turning point in human history." Later, we could discuss "Court Victories" on page 8 or expand on "Special Training Programs" mentioned on pages 8 and 9. Page 30 gives us a fine opportunity to point out to the advanced student the responsibility that all have to preach the good news. We can review with them the Scriptural reasons why we need to preach. (Matt. 24:14; 1 Cor. 9:16) It may take several study sessions to cover these paragraphs thoroughly.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

7 One brother who has used these methods effectively said: "The thing for which to strive is simplicity. Just a couple of scripture texts, a brief discussion touching on the need for being present at meetings, and, would you believe it?—it works!" Another brother stated: "In my opening and closing prayers I always refer to Jehovah's organization and express that it is a grand privilege to be associated with it.

8 Remember to discuss points about the organization on a regular basis. As you use *Jehovah's Witnesses in the Twentieth Century,* let it help you to become more effective in directing new ones to associate with Jehovah's people regularly.

"Live Forever" *(Cont'd)*

point of the pictures. These involve the student and impel him to act.

6 We will want to give this new *Live Forever* book the widest distribution possible. During the months of January and February we will be featuring it in the field service. So do not be caught short: Be sure your congregation has plenty of supplies on hand!

JULY SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bl.St.
Sp'l Pios.	369	122.3	91.3	48.6	5.3
Pios.	20,405	76.0	50.9	29.0	3.4
Aux. Pios.	21,289	60.1	38.0	16.3	1.4
Pubs.	563,751	9.0	7.7	3.5	0.4
TOTAL	605,814				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 5,919

Announcements

● Literature offer for October and November: Subscription for either *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* or both. Cost of subscriptions is $3.50 per year for semimonthly magazines, $2.00 per six months for semimonthly magazines and $2.00 per year for monthly magazines. (There is no six-month subscription for monthly magazines.) December: *New World Translation* with any 192-page book for $3.75. January and February: *Live Forever* book for $2.50.

● New Publications Available:
"Let Your Kingdom Come" —Greek
My Book of Bible Stories —Hungarian
You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth —French, Greek
Watch Tower Publications Index 1976-1980 —Portuguese
Aid to Bible Understanding (Part 5, As-Ba) —Italian
Aid to Bible Understanding (Part 6, Ba-Be) —Italian
Enjoy Life on Earth Forever! —Tagalog

● New Cassette Recordings Available:
To the Romans (single cassette) —Japanese
The First to the Corinthians (single cassette) —Japanese
The Second to the Corinthians (single cassette) —Danish
To the Galatians, to the Ephesians (single cassette) —Danish
To the Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians (single cassette) —Japanese
To the Philippians through The Second to the Thessalonians (single cassette) —Danish

● Prepare for the special talk and Memorial: Please order special talk handbills and Memorial invitations now so that your congregation will receive them well in advance of the special talk to be held on Sunday, April 10, 1983, or during the week following, and the Memorial celebration on Tuesday, March 29, 1983. Check locally for time of sundown. The special handbills should be ordered on the yellow *Special Talk Handbill Order*. Memorial invitations may be ordered in lots of 250, 500 and 1,000, using the special blue *Memorial Invitation Order Form.* Two copies of each form are being sent to the congregations with the October statement. It would be appreciated if these could be filled out *as soon as possible* and returned for processing. This will save the Society and the congregations considerable expense in postage. The special talk will be on the subject: "Religion's Time of Judgment." PLEASE DO NOT REMIT WITH YOUR ORDER. The handbills and invitations will be charged to your congregation's literature account. Payment for these should be included with the amount of money remitted for literature. Please do *not* list payment for handbills and invitations separately on the remittance form.

● Portions of the book *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!* will be studied in the congregation book studies beginning the week of December 5, 1982, and continuing through the week of May 29, 1983. It should not be necessary for older publishers to order new copies of this publication, as the majority will have a personal copy from prior years that can be used. If local congregation supplies are depleted, the Society has a limited supply to fill congregations orders for those newer publishers who do not yet have a copy. Or, it may be that copies can be obtained from nearby congregations.

● With this issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry,* we are including the Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1983. This will enable school overseers to make assignments well in advance.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

By Offering "Watchtower" and "Awake" Subscriptions

¹ At least four times a month we Witnesses receive good news, namely, when we receive our copies of the latest issues of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* How happy we are to be supplied with spiritual food through Jehovah's earthly organization! *The Watchtower* keeps us abreast of the latest understanding of God's Word. *Awake!* keeps us up-to-date on a wide variety of topics, including how world affairs are fulfilling Bible prophecies.

² We find happiness in reading these publications regularly, and we know others would too. They can if they subscribe to these two fine magazines. With every issue of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* coming into the home, there are excellent possibilities that a number of individuals in the household will pick them up and read articles of interest. Thus many may have opportunities to learn the truth. So we have good reason to offer subscriptions to all we meet.

FEATURE ARTICLES OF SPECIAL INTEREST

³ In the October 8 *Awake!* there are articles that will be of interest to people in all walks of life. The title of one of these asks, "The Design in Nature—What Does It Prove?" This can no doubt be used effectively in arousing interest in the *Awake!* magazine. Another article you might choose to highlight when presenting this issue is, "Adam and Eve—Real Persons or Only Fiction?" Most people have heard about Adam and Eve, but some may not believe they actually existed. This article would be of particular interest to them. Those who do believe they were real persons would be interested in having proof that they can share with others. Or you might want to point out the article, "When All Nature Will Be in Harmony," which emphasizes the wonderful hope we have for the future. This subject might be especially appealing to older people.

⁴ The October 15 issue of *The Watchtower* discusses the subject, "Our Needs—Can Governments Fill Them?" followed by, "How Our Needs Will Be Filled." You may want to select a sentence or two out of one of these articles to use in connection with offering *The Watchtower* subscription. If you are talking to a youth or parent you may wish to highlight a point in one of the articles about youth, "Do Children Want Rules?" or "Sound Guidance for Today's Youth" or "Rearing Your Children to Love Jehovah."

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Happiness—How to Find It:*

October 3:	Pages 112 to 120
October 10:	Pages 121 to 130
October 17:	Pages 131 to 139
October 24:	Pages 140 to 150
October 31:	Pages 151 to 160

⁵ The October 22 issue of *Awake!* features information dealing with television, "Television—What It Can Do *for* You . . . and *to* You." Included is fine information on family life and education and how television affects this.

TIE IN SUBSCRIPTION WITH TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

⁶ As we go from house to house, we want to arouse the interest of householders in the Bible and this can best be done by endeavoring to share the information in our Topic for Conversation before offering the subscription. If we choose to highlight the October 8 *Awake!* after reading Psalm 119:90 we might say something like this: "Since it is God's purpose to keep the earth in existence, do you think he will want it to continue to be filled with problems as it is today, with mankind ruining the environment? [Allow householder to answer.] To explain what God intends for the earth, I would like to share this issue of *Awake!* with you. It has a discussion on the subject, 'When All Nature Will Be in Harmony.' " Then you might point out a specific item in the article and proceed to explain the subscription offer.

⁷ When offering *The Watchtower* subscription, after considering Psalm 119:90 with the householder, you might highlight the article, "How Our Needs Will Be Filled" in the October 15 issue. Refer to a specific point and then explain the subscription arrangement.

⁸ Let your own enthusiasm for these fine magazines shine through as you offer the subscriptions at every opportunity. Our magazines are valuable! May you experience the joy of helping many others to appreciate this value and to benefit by their Bible-based message.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Earth's Future—Secure!

Luke 21:26—Many fear for earth's future.

Ps. 119:90—God's sure promise gives hope.

New Subscription System

The Society is now using a computerized system to handle all subscriptions in the United States. It would be helpful to understand some of its new features.

Our addressing equipment has the capability of printing MESSAGES ON THE WRAPPERS of subscription copies. These are helpful reminders to the subscriber when only a few issues remain before the subscription expires, or in case the subscriber is moving. These messages should be disregarded where the subscriber has recently renewed or has no plans to change address.

The RENEWAL FORM inserted in magazines is now being sent about two months before the last issue due the subscriber. This allows for renewing so no copies of magazines will be missed.

The EXPIRING SUBSCRIPTION RETURN VISIT SLIPS are also sent to congregations about two months before subscriptions expire. When these are received, calls should be made promptly on subscribers to avoid interrupting the regular receipt of the magazines.

Handling subscriptions by computer has made it possible to process subscriptions and address changes more quickly, thus giving better service to subscribers.

We would again like to recommend that families of Jehovah's Witnesses endeavor to have individual subscriptions to the magazines. Often when individuals, parents and children, receive personal subscription-copies through the mail there is greater interest in the contents of the magazines. It encourages all to read and study over the many fine articles appearing in each issue of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* We hope that many families will seriously consider this matter.

Word of Jehovah *(Cont'd)*

dividuals turn down the subscription offer, then we can offer the two current issues on a 30-cent contribution, and perhaps at a future time they will decide to subscribe.

⁹ Our topic for conversation "Earth's Future—Secure!" will fit in easily with our offer of the subscription to either one or both of our magazines. May all of us do our part in keeping the word of Jehovah moving speedily. Do this by helping others to appreciate the spiritual food in *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines and thereby learn of the secure future for those who truly love Jehovah. —Prov. 1:33.

OUR KINGDOM MINISTRY

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Meetings for Field Service

NOVEMBER 1-7
How to start studies

1. Review methods discussed in Service Meeting.
2. What method do you use?
3. What publication do you prefer? Why?

NOVEMBER 8-14
Offering magazines

1. Points to highlight in the November 15 "Watchtower."
2. Points in current "Awake!"
3. Why offer subscription(s) to regular readers?

NOVEMBER 15-21
Working business territory

1. When might it be best to call?
2. Discuss brief presentation.
3. What literature would you offer? Why?

NOVEMBER 22-28
How can parents help children:

1. To prepare for magazine activity?
2. To share a Scriptural thought with householder?
3. To maintain proper conduct in field service?

NOVEMBER 29–DECEMBER 5
Offer "New World Translation"

1. To whom?
2. Show value of understandable language.
3. Demonstrate use of "Important Bible Words for Quick Reference."

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Happiness—How to Find It:*

November 7:	Pages 161 to 167
November 14:	Pages 168 to 175
November 21:	Pages 176 to 183
November 28:	Pages 184 to End

Sowing and Cultivating Seeds of Truth

[1] When we witness to people, offer literature, leave tracts and handbills, we are sowing seeds of Kingdom truth. Jesus described our work as similar to that of a farmer sowing seed. (Luke 8:5-8) It is our desire to sow seeds in the hearts of as many as possible. Is that not the way you feel about it?

[2] During the month of November we will continue to feature subscriptions to *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* magazine or to both. All will want to make good use of these publications as we zealously share in sowing seeds of truth.

[3] Most of us spend a large portion of our service time in the house-to-house work and this is appropriate. We would like to speak with at least someone in each home. However, it is often necessary to call a second or third time to find someone at home. We may witness to others at their places of business or employment. Many publishers regularly engage in street work in an effort to contact still others. *Our Kingdom Ministry* has encouraged us to approach people working in their gardens or yards as well as to speak to deliverymen and repairmen. Ecclesiastes 11:6 encourages us to 'sow our seed' conscientiously because we can never tell where it will take root.

RETURN VISITS

[4] The apostle Paul mentioned both planting and *watering* seeds of truth. (1 Cor. 3:6) This corresponds with Jesus' command that we *teach* and *make disciples* of people. (Matt. 28:19, 20) So, we have a responsibility to call back on receptive individuals and endeavor to water and cultivate the seeds of truth. How can this be done?

[5] To honest-hearted ones the Kingdom message is good news. The Kingdom will remedy their problems and provide for all of mankind's needs. So when you call back, show them from the Bible what the Kingdom will accomplish. At the same time endeavor to become acquainted with their concerns and interests. It will help you to determine which of the Kingdom blessings may particular-

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NEW PEAK OF 613,007 PUBLISHERS IN AUGUST!

In reviewing the 1982 service year, we thank Jehovah by saying in the words of the psalmist: "You have crowned the year with your goodness." (Ps. 65:11) Considering the many blessings showered upon us, including the new peaks in attendance at the Memorial in April and the district conventions this summer, what a fitting way to close the service year by reaching another publisher peak in August! It represents an 8.8-percent increase over last year's average and it also exceeds our July peak by 7,193 publishers. Now we look forward to the details of the year's field service report, not only for the United States but worldwide. Let us continue to show ourselves thankful for all of Jehovah's goodness and loving-kindness to us.—Col. 3:15.

A Meeting to Fortify Us Spiritually

[1] Paul said that "solid food belongs to mature people, to those who through use have their perceptive powers trained to distinguish both right and wrong." (Heb. 5:14) The congregation meetings supply solid spiritual food needed to fortify the mind and heart. Thus, the Scriptural command to 'not forsake the gathering of ourselves together' should not be minimized. There is good reason for us to obey this inspired direction. —Heb. 10:23-25.

[2] While you regularly attend all other congregation meetings and participate in them, enjoying and benefiting from these, never underestimate the value of the weekly Congregation Book Study. The fact that this is an organized meeting of a smaller group contributes to its spiritual value. It allows for greater individual participation. There is often more time for scriptures to be looked up, read and discussed. Newer ones and children find it easier to participate and they progress quickly as they gain confidence in expressing their faith. Comments made by mature publishers on the more weighty material help to strengthen and fortify all in attendance. The interchange of encouragement at the book study invigorates all who support it, and a closer bond of union results.—Prov. 27:17; Rom. 1:11, 12.

[3] Beginning the week of December 5 we will be studying portions of the book *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!* at our Congregation Book Studies. By all means attend regularly and be prepared to participate.

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 31

Song 27

7 min: Local announcements. Comment on subscription offer for November, encourage all to prepare well and to have a full share in the subscription campaign.

23 min: "Sowing and Cultivating Seeds of Truth."

(15 min.) Question-and-answer consideration of article.

(8 min.) Demonstration following consideration of paragraph 6. Start demonstration with statement "May I show you how I found these scriptures in the Bible? It has been helpful to me and I believe it may be helpful to you too." Consider one or two paragraphs from publication, such as new *Live Forever* book or from magazines offered. Read the paragraphs and the scriptures as outlined in paragraph 5.

10 min: Experiences starting studies. Call on brothers and sisters who conduct studies and do well in starting them. (Arrange with them ahead of time.) Ask them: Do you believe the *Live Forever* book will be effective and why? Do you find it best to ask the householder directly if he would like to have a Bible study or to introduce the study in an indirect manner? Do you have additional suggestions that you believe will be helpful to publishers who are endeavoring to start studies?

5 min: Encourage all to share in the field service on first Sunday of the month. Announce field service arrangements.

Song 58 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 7

Song 36

5 min: Local announcements and accounts report.

10 min: Talk by elder on what should be kept in mind in determining which congregation we will associate with. Review Question Box in March 1976 *Our Kingdom Service*. Point out advantages of attending meetings of congregation holding territory where one lives; why generally best to do so. Varying circumstances of individuals to be considered, and final decision responsibility of family head. He may get advice from elders before making decision, thus consider advantages and disadvantages. Elders encourage family head to ensure best spiritual interests of family. No reason to be critical of decision when made.

20 min: "A Meeting to Fortify Us Spiritually." (15 min.) Question-and-answer coverage of article. As time permits read paragraphs and look up scriptures.

(5 min.) Call on two or three for comments on (1) how they prepare for the book study as individuals, (2) how they prepare as a family, (3) the advantages of preparing as they do.

10 min: Encourage all to share in magazine work on the second Saturday of month; announce field service arrangements. Draw attention to the November 15 issue of *The Watchtower* and particularly the articles "The Churches—Are They Nearing Their End?" and "Flee While There Is Yet Time!" Arrange for three brief and well-rehearsed magazine presentations featuring an article in the November 8 issue of *Awake!* or the November 15 issue of *The Watchtower:* One by a youngster in house-to-house work, one by an adult approaching a person on the street and one in a business establishment. Encourage all who show interest to subscribe to the magazines.

Song 63 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 14

Song 66

14 min: Local announcements and selected points from Announcements. Review article "Special Talks Starting in January"; draw attention particularly to suggestion in paragraph 5 on inviting interested persons.

15 min: Encouraging talk on subject "Those Weaknesses Can Be Overcome" from October 15, 1982, *Watchtower,* pages 8-11.

16 min: "Presenting the Good News—In Business Territory." Questions and answers. As time permits have publishers relate their experiences while working business territory. Announce field service arrangements for the weekend and encourage full support.

Song 67 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 21

Song 1

7 min: Local announcements.

15 min: Use time for local needs or have an elder give a talk on the article "The Spirit of the Christian Ministry," encouraging wholehearted field service activity. (See the November 15, 1982, *Watchtower.*) Or, if appropriate in your congregation, give a talk on "What's Happening in the Schools?" putting emphasis primarily on the need for fine conduct on the part of Christian students and what the parents can do. (See the May 8, 1982, *Awake!*)

10 min: Getting to Know Our Brothers. Interview parent, preferably one who has teenage children. When do you study with your children? Why then? How long do you study? Why? What do you study? Why? How do you prepare for field service with your children? Other comments on what parent has found helpful in aiding youngsters spiritually and rewards to parents for such efforts. Interview one or two youngsters, teenagers if possible. Ask how they have benefited from family study. Ask about a situation in school that turned out well. How was it that they knew how to handle it as they did? Was it something they learned from their parents? at the meetings? in an article they read? Ask them to relate the best field service experience they have had in the past year. Commend parents and children for their part in making advancement manifest. —2 Tim. 3:14-17; 1 Tim. 4:15, 16.

13 min: Encourage support of fourth Saturday magazine activity; announce field service arrangements. Draw attention to November 22 *Awake!* particularly the article "Young People Ask . . . What Future Is There for Any of Us?" Two brief demonstrations (one by adult; one by youth) featuring an article in the November 22 *Awake!* or December 1 *Watchtower.*

Song 64 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 28

Song 51

10 min: Local announcements. Review literature offer and Topic for Conversation, including scriptures, for month of December. Brief, well-prepared presentation of literature offer. Publisher should refer to last scripture in Topic for Conversation and then make offer, showing householder the value of the *New World Translation* and book being presented.

13 min: Positive and encouraging talk by elder on article "Beware of Self-Pity" from September 1977 *Watchtower,* pages 547, 548. Highlight need to show interest in others. (May also use appropriate experiences from June 22, 1977, *Awake!* pages 4, 5.)

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Doing Good to Those With Special Needs

1 Christians are commanded to "love one another," to be genuinely interested in others and their well-being. (John 13:34; Rom. 15:1, 2) While there is still "time favorable for it" we want to work what is good especially toward those who are related to us in the faith. (Gal. 6:10) The inspired counsel says not to "hold back good from those to whom it is owing, when it happens to be in the power of your hand to do it."—Prov. 3:27.

2 In the Christian congregation there are fatherless boys, older ones, widows, the infirm, depressed, handicapped and others who have special needs. Immediate family members and other relatives should be primarily concerned with assisting these. In imitation of Jehovah and his Son, Jesus Christ, we should all show concern.—1 Tim. 5:4, 8; Ezek. 34:16; Matt. 9:36.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

3 What can we do to assist? In some cases a visit and a friendly conversation will lift up their spirits. Or, we may be able to provide a ride to the meetings, invite them to join us in the field ministry, or accompany us on a Bible study we conduct. An older sister or fatherless boy could be invited to our family study and/or a meal. All in the congregation can have a share in assisting those with special needs. Teenagers and children might assist by running errands, doing chores or shopping. Youngsters with only one parent in the truth can start by providing this assistance right at home. There are many ways in which we can and should show genuine Christian love.—Acts 9:39; 1 Pet. 4:8-10.

4 It is not unusual for those who are themselves in need to be among the first to respond to the needs of others. In fact, many have found ways they can help themselves. Self-help is a vital factor in a happy, productive Christian life. There are hundreds of pioneers who are physically ill, but they keep busy in the preaching work. Some full-time workers are blind, deaf or in wheelchairs. Many new pioneers being enrolled are older brothers and sisters, some of whom are ill and live alone. Instead of isolating themselves and focusing their attention inward with self-pity, they are optimistic and outgoing. They are intensely occupied in sharing the message of the Kingdom with others. (Acts 18:5) The same can be said for many fatherless boys who have entered the pioneer work, Bethel service or the missionary field. Of course, many of those with special needs are not in a position to undertake the full-time service. Nevertheless, the examples given underscore the spirit that all of us should have and the blessed results.—Mark 10:28-30.

5 There are many things that any of us can do to keep happy and optimistic. We can regularly read the Bible, the magazines and other Society publications; listen to the Bible recordings on cassettes and let the truth fill our hearts; make telephone calls to sick or depressed individuals to encourage them. We can write letters and take the initiative in showing interest in others; set goals such as starting a Bible study or auxiliary pioneering; get to know the brothers better by inviting them over or visiting them. We can improve in our ministry as well as our teaching and speaking ability by enrolling in the Theocratic Ministry School. Brothers can reach out for the privilege of being a servant. (1 Tim. 3:1) The more we work at doing things for others, as well as ourselves, the happier we will be.—Acts 20:35.

6 All of us, regardless of personal needs, should clothe ourselves with love and humility. If we have special needs, we should guard against being overly self-conscious or allow pride to cause us to reject loving assistance from our brothers. If we are rendering assistance we should use good judgment and not embarrass or erode the self-respect or dignity of others. None of us should be guilty of abusing the generosity of our brothers or taking advantage of them. We should be positive in our attitude, reasonable, spiritual, rejoicing in our hope. (Phil. 4:4-9) The counsel to 'love our brothers intensely from the heart' applies to ALL Christians, because that is a very special need we ALL have.—1 Pet. 1:22.

Seeds of Truth *(Cont'd)*

ly appeal to them.—Matt. 10:7, 12, 13; 9:36.

SHARE REGULARLY

6 Usually it is best to schedule time regularly for making return visits and endeavoring to start studies. Many are making it a practice to share regularly in the house-to-house work on Sunday. Most have found it best to make their return visits soon after the initial contact. Have you ever made a return visit within a few days, while the interest is still strong? This can be very effective.

Special Talks Starting in January

1 Starting January 1, 1983, a series of five special talks will be given based on the new book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth.* By all means be present to enjoy each of these talks and bring interested ones with you.

2 The titles of the talks and the chapters to be covered are as follows:

1—"Taking in Knowledge of God and Christ" (Chap. 1-6)
2—"Life Now and in the Hereafter" (Chap. 7-12)
3—"God's Government and Your Future" (Chap. 13-18)
4—"A Paradise Earth—When and for Whom?" (Chap. 19-24)
5—"What Is Required for Life Everlasting?" (Chap. 25-30)

3 The talks will be 45 minutes long. Well-qualified speakers should be used. The material should be properly outlined and presented, not as a summary or a book review, but, as a discourse. There will be no need to read paragraphs from the book, but attention should be drawn to illustrations which fit the material, and should be suitably applied to fit the audience. It will be necessary for each speaker to prepare well. Presentation of the material should be carefully thought out. While developing the main ideas in the chapters assigned, the speaker should clearly emphasize the subject theme. (See *Theocratic Ministry School Guidebook,* pages 135-158 and 168-171.)

4 Speakers can be exchanged with nearby congregations so a speaker may give his talk in more than one congregation if desired. To facilitate this, the dates for beginning the series of talks can be staggered and dates adjusted as needed due to circuit assemblies or the visit of the circuit overseer. Where necessary the talks can run into the month of February.

5 Invite interested persons to hear these talks with you. Often our mentioning the subject material for the week will help them see the benefit of attending. The talks will help all of us to get better acquainted with the new publication and present it effectively in the field ministry.

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

Earth's Future—Secure!

Luke 21:26—Many fear for earth's future.

Ps. 119:90—God's sure promise gives hope.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

In Business Territory

1 It is reported that the business territory of many congregations is worked infrequently. In some cases business territory has not been worked for years. Is this the situation in your congregation? What can be done?

2 Many congregations have business establishments throughout their territory. Some are included as a part of the regular house-to-house territories. Hence, publishers may need to be reminded that they are to call also on the business establishments when they work the territory. If some business places are not open or you observe that they are too busy when the territory is first worked, note it down so that calls can be made later at a suitable time.

3 Where there are large business sections, it would be well to have separate business territories for such areas. These can be worked by qualified publishers on a regular basis, just as residential areas are covered.

4 If large sections of business territory cannot be cared for by the congregation, elders should discuss this with the circuit overseer. He can coordinate the efforts of other congregations in the city to get the territory worked by qualified publishers and pioneers.

5 When have you found it best to call on local business establishments? Some have found an early hour on Saturday morning to be a good time, whereas others find it advantageous to call later in the day when they are not so busy or on a weekday when owners are not so occupied.

6 Those working in business territories should be neatly attired. It is best to keep presentations brief. Some explain that they are calling because businessmen are not usually at home when we call. Use magazines, the current literature offer or tracts. The offer or approach may be varied according to the circumstances.

7 Could your congregation do more to work its business territory? Qualified publishers might be trained to share in this activity. Elders! Can you organize this work so that the good news is presented regularly in all business territory?

Meeting to Fortify *(Cont'd)*

PREPARATION

4 Regular preparation for the book study and participation in it strengthens us spiritually. (1 Cor. 16:13) Meetings become more interesting and encouraging when we have a part in them. The result is greater joy, satisfaction and spiritual growth. Our participation also serves to encourage and fortify our brothers.

5 To prepare for the book study, each family can best make their own arrangements according to the needs and circumstances. In some families each member individually prepares for the study. Some study a few paragraphs each day as they travel to and from work. To help their children, parents remind and encourage them to prepare for the study. Some families find it beneficial to set aside time to prepare the entire lesson together.

CONDUCTOR AND READER

6 So that all in attendance may receive the greatest benefits from the book study the conductor must be well prepared. (1 Tim. 4:15, 16) Also, since approximately half of the study hour is devoted to reading the paragraphs, a good reader should be assigned beforehand. He should understand the material well and read with appropriate emphasis and clarity. (See *Our Kingdom Service,* June 1980, page 4, Question Box.)

7 In the September issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry,* we received direction as to proper dress when attending the book study. It said: "When attending the book study, it would be appropriate to dress as when attending the regular meetings at the Kingdom Hall."

FIELD SERVICE

8 Wholehearted participation in the ministry is a safeguard for us and strengthens us spiritually. (Rom. 12:11) Our study and participation in meetings produce a desire and zeal to share what we have learned with others. Hence, the location for the book study is usually used as a meeting place for field service.

9 Keep fortified by regularly preparing for and attending ALL congregation meetings. Your participation will strengthen you.

Meetings . . . Make Disciples *(Cont'd)*

15 min: "Doing Good to Those With Special Needs." Question-and-answer coverage of article. Read paragraphs and look up scriptures as time permits.

7 min: Encourage full support of first Sunday by sharing in house-to-house activity. Announce arrangements for weekend field service.

Song 9 and prayer.

Announcements

- Literature offer for November: Subscription for *The Watchtower* or *Awake!* or for both magazines. Cost is $3.50 per year for semimonthly magazines, $2.00 for six-month subscriptions and $2.00 per year for monthly magazines. (There is no six-month subscription for monthly magazines.) December: The *New World Translation* and any 192-page book for $3.75. January and February: *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth,* for $2.50.
- *1983 Yearbook of Jehovah's Witnesses:* Publishers and pioneers please order your *Yearbooks* through your congregation. Congregations should begin accepting orders for these *Yearbooks* now. Then on the dates here listed, or as soon as possible thereafter, send this order to the Society using the regular Literature Order form (S-14). November 15, 1982: English; December 15, 1982: French, Greek, Italian, Spanish; February 15, 1983: Dutch, Finnish, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese. Congregations should order only the number of *Yearbooks* for which there are requests. Payment should not accompany the congregation order. The *Yearbooks* will be charged to the literature account at $1.00 each, which is the rate for publishers and the public. Regular and special pioneers on the list before July 1, 1982, may receive a free copy for which the congregation may request credit on the Remittance and Credit Request (S-20). Pioneers may obtain additional copies at 25c each. (Note to secretary: Please have announced to the congregation when the *Yearbooks* are received so that all who ordered can obtain their copies.)
- In addition to the languages announced in *Our Kingdom Ministry* for August 1982, the 1983 calendars will also be available in Danish, Dutch, Finnish, and Swedish. These can be ordered by the congregation using the Literature Order form (S-14).
- The Society has a stock of *Yearbooks* for 1975, 1977 and 1979. Congregations may order these according to local needs.
- *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* is now available in grade-two English Braille. This four-volume publication may be purchased or obtained on a loan basis and returned in six months. A remittance of $5.00 should accompany all orders if purchased. Also, the name and address of the individual that will receive the publication should be included. All orders for Braille items should be sent to the Society's BRAILLE DESK, and *not included along with Literature Orders for printed publications.* Braille material should not be stocked by the congregation.
- New Publications Available:
  "Let Your Kingdom Come" —Finnish, Gujarati, Malayalam
  Good News—To Make You Happy —Sinhalese
  You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth —Afrikaans
  Watch Tower Publications Index for 1981 —English
  The Path of Divine Truth Leading to Liberation —Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Malayalam, Marathi, Punjabi, Tamil
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Meetings for Field Service

DECEMBER 6-12

Bible studies

1. How could you get one started?
2. How do you prepare each week?
3. How do you encourage the student to prepare?

DECEMBER 13-19

Stimulating interest

1. How can you use Topic for Conversation to stimulate interest in current offer?
2. What do you say to arouse interest?
3. Why is adaptability important?

DECEMBER 20-26

Tactfully presenting the good news

1. How can we tactfully handle the holiday greetings?
2. What do you do when householder has guests? Is busy?
3. How can being tactful help householder?

DECEMBER 27–JANUARY 2

Offering *Live Forever* book

1. When would you use chapter 7? Pages 161, 162? Chapter 4?
2. How can questions at the bottom of page help?

TOPIC FOR CONVERSATION

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Luke 21:26—Many fear for earth's future.

Ps. 119:90—God's sure promise gives hope.

Making Wise Use of Our Time

1 Time is a very valuable asset of each Christian. How are you using this asset? During December we should set aside regular times to engage in the house-to-house ministry, offering the *New World Translation* and any 192-page book for a contribution of $3.75. Time, like money, can be wasted, even squandered, or it can be used wisely. As Christians, our love for Jehovah, Jesus Christ and our fellowman should impel us to use our time wisely, "buying out the opportune time."—Eph. 5:16.

2 In so doing the Christian's course is far different from the one pursued by those who love this old system. Paul foretold that people living in the last days would be "lovers of pleasures," and how true that is! (2 Tim. 3:4) Most people today spend many hours each week just watching TV or going to movies. Others become involved in sports, video games, excessive vacation trips, music and hobbies, all of which can take much time.

SPIRITUAL THINGS FIRST

3 Does this mean that a Christian should not enjoy relaxation in some form of wholesome recreation? Certainly not! Even Jesus enjoyed banquets and special meals. He also took time for needed rest. However, Jesus did not make eating, drinking or personal pleasures the big thing in his life. Rather, he took delight in doing his Father's will. (John 4:34) He warned us that the physical pleasures of life should not take precedence over Jehovah's service. (Luke 21:34; Matt. 6:31-33) So we do well to follow Jesus' example in making wise use of our time.

4 In order to help us accomplish this it is good to view time as an asset to be used wisely. We should not use time selfishly, just for our own pleasure. Rather, we should continue to 'buy out the time' and support the preaching and disciple-making activity of the congregation, "always having plenty to do in the work of the Lord."—1 Cor. 15:58.

5 There are some practical things we can do so as to make wise use of time. One suggestion is to have a reasonable, workable schedule of activities. While at times this schedule may allow for relaxation or recreation, spiritual interests should be highlighted. It should include attendance at all congregation meetings, field service on a regular basis and taking time for personal Bible study

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Conduct Progressive Bible Studies

1 Conducting a Bible study is one of the most satisfying aspects of our Christian ministry. It is a matter of writing on hearts. (2 Cor. 3:2, 3) How rewarding it is to see people with whom we study take in knowledge, apply Bible principles and bring their lives into harmony with Jehovah's righteous requirements!

2 But, suppose you do not see the desired progress—the students do not make changes as quickly as you think they should and their interest may even wander. There may be a need to examine your own ability to teach. Could the study be conducted in a more interesting and progressive manner? The following suggestions may prove to be helpful.

PRACTICAL TEACHING SUGGESTIONS

3 Preparation in advance is essential. Involved in this is having the main points of the lesson clearly outlined in your own mind with the Scriptural support at your fingertips.

4 Knowledge should be conveyed to the student in a simple, logical manner. If this is done in a warm, friendly and informal way, it creates an atmosphere in which the student is relaxed and able to learn. It is important, too, to make sure he learns practical points of personal value each visit. A student should feel that his life has been enriched and that he has been brought into a closer relationship with God.

5 Teaching the student how to study may be helpful. This may involve helping him to pick out the main points in the material and underline key words or phrases. Help him express himself from the heart, putting answers in his own words, rather than just reading the printed material. If you build up in your student a desire for more knowledge of the subject to be discussed on the next visit, he will be more likely to prepare in advance and thus make more rapid progress.

6 Reaching the heart of the individual will enable him to see how the material studied applies to his own life. To reach hearts Jesus used questions that made his listeners think. Note examples of this at Matthew 16:13-16; 17:24-27 and Luke 10:25-27. Wise use of illustrations, as demonstrated by Jesus, is also most beneficial. Observe how illustrations

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Meetings to Help Us Make Disciples

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 5

Song 5

7 min: Local announcements. Enthusiastically encourage all to attend the Congregation Book Study as we begin to study the book *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!* Also encourage support for second Saturday magazine activity.

13 min: Talk on subject "Why Admit It When You Are Wrong?" from September 1, 1982, *Watchtower*. Elders and publishers alike need to acknowledge their own mistakes with humility and honesty, not taking themselves too seriously. This can work for the upbuilding of all.

10 min: Discuss Question Box. Speaker should emphasize our loving concern for the spiritual welfare of all and the need to give no cause for stumbling.

15 min: "Presenting the Good News—With Effective Introductions." Question-and-answer discussion of material. Ask audience for introductions they have found particularly helpful. Encourage making use of such introductions in weekend field service activity. Remind all to bring their October 1, 1982, *Watchtower* to the meeting next week.

Song 18 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 12

Song 11

10 min: Local announcements and Announcements. Discuss how the congregation did in field activity during November, including the number of auxiliary pioneers, if any. Accounts report.

15 min: "Making Wise Use of Our Time." Question-and-answer discussion of material. From paragraph 9 demonstrate briefly how street work may be done effectively by talking with people regarding specific articles rather than simply holding up magazines.

20 min: "Bring Your Heart Back to Jehovah." Well-developed talk by a qualified elder on material from October 1, 1982, *Watchtower*. Audience participation. Allow time for a brief demonstration to show how a parent could tactfully bring the article to the attention of his child who has become inactive. Emphasize that parents may wish to mail a copy of the article to their children if they cannot give it to them directly. It is designed to help all who were reared in the truth but have drifted away from it. (Note: This part should be rescheduled if meeting is not held because of a circuit assembly or for other reasons.)

Song 82 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 19

Song 90

10 min: Local announcements. Discuss with audience the value of making wise use of time off by sharing in the field service during worldly holidays.

15 min: "Adjustment in Theocratic Ministry School." School overseer should discuss with audience the new adjustments in counseling for 1983. Stress the need for each student to prepare well and accept with appreciation the loving counsel given in the school.

20 min: Use time for local needs or have an elder give a talk on the article "Cast Your Anxieties Upon Jehovah" in the September 15, 1982, *Watchtower*. Remind publishers to share in field service on fourth Saturday, which is part of the holiday weekend.

Song 87 and prayer.

WEEK STARTING DECEMBER 26

Song 7

10 min: Local announcements. Remind brothers of new public talks scheduled for January. Encourage all to attend and bring their *Live Forever* book along to mark in it particular points that they may use in field service.

20 min: "Conduct Progressive Bible Studies." Cover material by questions and answers, except paragraph 7. It should be handled as a demonstration showing how to prepare an interested person for opposition from family members, workmates, and so forth.

15 min: "Make Plans Now." Discussion. Show how January Topic for Conversation may be used in placing new book. Pick out points from *Live Forever* book that will be particularly appealing to interested ones. Start with very first weekend of the new year by sharing in the field service. January 2 is first Sunday of the month. Outline specific arrangements for holiday witnessing.

Song 92 and prayer.

Time *(Cont'd)*

to keep abreast of the truth. Now you will be able to use the new calendar to help schedule your time.

[6] Parents, of course, have the additional responsibility of helping their children to be active in spiritual things. So they may find it advisable to sit down and work out a reasonable schedule of theocratic activity for the whole family, including their own personal schedules as Christian parents. Thus, they show a personal interest in their *children's* welfare and their wise use of time.—Eph. 6:4.

[7] It is often helpful to have personal goals in connection with our field ministry. Such should be reasonable, attainable goals. We may decide to spend a certain number of hours in field service each month. If we really work toward our goal we will seldom fail to meet it and may often surpass it. Many have found either auxiliary or regular pioneering to be a reasonable goal.

[8] Improving the quality of service is also a worthy goal. Can you think of ways in which you can make better use of your time in the ministry? For example, could you improve your teaching ability at the doors by using more effective introductions? (See "Presenting the Good News.") Could you be more effective in conducting Bible studies or improve the way you direct interested persons to Jehovah's Word and his organization? In doing so you can truly make wise use of your time in the service.

[9] What can be done if you find very few people at home? Why not call at a different time of day or another day. Some publishers have good success in speaking to people walking along the sidewalk, thus possibly reaching some who were not at home. While engaging in street work it is not good to walk along in twos or threes talking with one another. Rather, separate and approach people so as to start conversations with them. Thus, time is used more effectively and more joy is derived from service.

[10] It is good to remember that our time is a wonderful asset that Jehovah has given us. Let us always use it wisely, not selfishly. Personally consider how you might improve in your own use of time, especially the time set aside for spiritual activities. Continue to walk "not as unwise but as wise persons, buying out the opportune time" in these last days of Satan's old system of things.—Eph. 5:15, 16.

Schedule for congregation studies in the book *Man's Salvation out of World Distress at Hand!*

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December 12: Pages 100 to 110
December 19: Pages 111 to 118*
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Announcements

- Literature offer for **December:** *New World Translation* and any 192-page book for $3.75. **January and February:** *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth,* for a contribution of $2.50. **March:** One of the older 192-page books for 75c.
- Presiding overseer or someone designated by him should audit congregation accounts on December 1 or as soon as possible thereafter.
- Bound volumes of *The Watchtower* and *Awake!* for 1982: Publishers and pioneers, please order your volumes through your congregation. Congregations should begin accepting requests for these volumes now. Then on January 1, 1983, or as soon as possible thereafter, send this order to the Society using the regular Literature Order form (S-14). Order only the number of volumes for which you have requests. The volumes will be available in English, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish at $4.00 each. (Please order the Dutch, German, Italian and Japanese after February 1, 1983.) There is no pioneer rate. Payment should *not* accompany the congregation order sent to the Society. (See *Cost List,* paragraph 21.) Please announce to the congregation when the volumes are received so that all who ordered can obtain their copies.
- It is suggested that all congregations display the new yeartext by January 1, 1983.
- New Publications Available:
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Volume 3, Es-Gr) —German
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Volume 7, Be-Ca) —Italian
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Volume 8, Ca-Ce) —Italian
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Volume 9, Ce-Co) —Italian
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Volume 10, Co-Cr) —Italian
  - *Aid to Bible Understanding* (Volume 1, A-Da) —Portuguese
  - *Choosing the Best Way of Life* —Hungarian
  - *Good News—To Make You Happy* —Malagasy
  - *Happiness—How to Find It* —Cebuano, Croatian
  - *"Let Your Kingdom Come"* —Dutch, Portuguese, Swedish
  - *My Book of Bible Stories* —Lingala, Yapese
  - *True Peace and Security—From What Source?* —Icelandic
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  - *Enjoy Life on Earth Forever!* —Cibemba, Citonga, Danish, Dutch, Greek, Hiri Motu, Japanese, Kaonde, Kikamba, Luvale, New Guinea Pidgin, Norwegian, Papiamento, Shona, Solomon Islands Pidgin, Swahili, Swedish, Thai
  - *Watch Tower Publications Index* for 1981 —French
- New Cassette Recordings Available:
  - *The Good News According to Luke* (set of two) —Dutch, Japanese
  - *The Good News According to Luke* (set of three) —Finnish
  - *The First to the Corinthians* (single cassette) —Finnish
  - *The Second to the Corinthians, To the Galatians* (single cassette) —Finnish
  - *The First to the Thessalonians* through *To Philemon* (single cassette) —Finnish, Japanese
  - *To the Hebrews, The Letter of James* (single cassette) —Finnish, Japanese
  - *"Jehovah's Name to Be Declared in All the Earth"* (Drama) (single cassette) —Danish, Italian
  - *Kingdom Melodies* No. 3 (single cassette) Available also with Braille label

Adjustment in Theocratic Ministry School

¹ In the October issue of *Our Kingdom Ministry* we received the Theocratic Ministry School Schedule for 1983. Under the heading "Counsel and Remarks" you will note it says: "The school overseer will give specific counsel, not necessarily following the program of progressive counsel outlined on the Speech Counsel slip. Rather he should concentrate on those areas where the student needs to improve." This means that in 1983 the school overseer will exercise his own discernment in determining the points on which to counsel.

² A new student would need encouragement, and so commendation can be given for the effort he has put forth in connection with his first assignment. After the new student's second talk, the school overseer can offer commendation on some speech quality that was good and then offer counsel on a point on which the student can work. When a student has a reading assignment, the counsel will not necessarily follow the progressive Speech Counsel slip but may deal with points such as volume, sense stress, pausing or accuracy of statement where explanatory statements are made on texts in the reading assignment. In the case of more experienced students, after offering commendation on an outstanding quality displayed in the presentation, the school overseer may draw attention to a quality that was lacking or that needed more attention. Otherwise, the quality shown next on the counsel slip may be referred to and the school overseer would show *why* it was good.

³ The school overseer will want to give commendation before offering his observation or counsel on a point that needs to be improved or worked on to achieve further progress. A student's presentation may be so effective that the counselor will simply offer commendation on two speech qualities, showing why they were good.

⁴ In counseling, the school overseer will have in mind the immediate need of the student. Depending on whether the slips were marked with a "W" or an "I" following the last assignment, students will know whether to work on developing some particular speech quality or to strive to further improve on that point. In the case of experienced students, if their slips were marked "G" on two points following their last presentation, they may want to have in mind a point that has not yet been marked "G" on the counsel slip when preparing for their next assignment.

⁵ It is hoped that this new arrangement will help us all to make even greater advancement so that we will be more effective in sharing the truth with others.—1 Tim. 4:15, 16.

Question Box

- What should be done when notes are placed in territory envelopes stating not to call on certain homes?

Occasionally we meet householders in our territory who are very opposed to our work and message. Some have even threatened us. If some *adamantly request* that none of Jehovah's Witnesses call at their homes again, such requests should be respected. A note with the name and address of such a person should be given to the brother assigned to care for the territory. He should also date the note and state on it the *specific* nature of the difficulty. Thereafter, each publisher who is asked to work this territory should be especially careful to avoid irritating the householder and not call at his home.—Review *Kingdom Ministry* of June 1974, Question Box.

However, from time to time people move or perhaps experience a change of attitude. Depending on the circumstances, tactful inquiry can be made periodically by a capable publisher to determine the current situation.

We should not hastily conclude that such notations are required merely because an individual is disturbed or somewhat angry as a result of our calling at an inopportune time. However, where there is a request that we not call again or a need for caution, matters can be handled as outlined above. In this way we protect our brothers and 'give no cause for stumbling or basis for finding fault with our ministry.'—2 Cor. 6:3.

PRESENTING THE GOOD NEWS

With Effective Introductions

[1] Through theocratic education and experience in the Christian ministry, Jehovah gives us "the tongue of the taught ones." (Isa. 50:4) This enables us to be more discerning in what we say to stimulate interest in the Kingdom message. Whether engaging in house-to-house work or street work, our initial expressions must be choice, reflecting an understanding of people and their varied circumstances.—1 Cor. 9:22, 23.

HOUSE TO HOUSE

[2] Unique challenges confront us in the door-to-door ministry as we share Kingdom truths with 'deserving ones.' (Matt. 10:11) First of all, approaching a total stranger may be difficult. Behind the doors are persons of differing personalities, circumstances and viewpoints. These factors may have a bearing on our introductory expressions.

[3] If your introduction is to carry sufficient impact, advance preparation is required. Several different simple and pointed approaches will allow you to be more flexible. Be discerning, confident and adaptable. Is there anything that shows that the householder may be religiously inclined? Are there indications that children are in the home? Prayerful concentration on these features may aid in determining the direction of your opening remarks.

[4] Many publishers have enjoyed encouraging results using any one of the following suggested introductions:

"In view of the insurmountable problems society is facing, some feel that man's future on earth is doomed. Despite the increase in family breakdowns, the constant threat of war and other problems, we're calling this morning to share good news with all persons who would like to have a secure future."

"Many families today do not feel confident about their future. Increased crime, unemployment and inflation have given rise to extreme depression and insecurity. We have made a special effort to visit you this morning to explain briefly how you and your family can have a bright outlook for the future."

"We have found that many in our neighborhood welcome the opportunity to discuss the Bible. That is why I am at your door now to discuss the hope it offers."

You may find these suggestions effective in your territory.

[5] Our approach to people should be friendly and conversational. Many publishers choose to begin by offering a free tract or handbill. Using this approach, one overseer said, "This method holds their attention just long enough to get into a Bible conversation." Why not see if some of these methods will work for you!

STREET WORK

[6] Street work also calls for both friendly and conversational introductions. People are busy and on the move. In large cities, fear of strangers may be a factor to overcome. There may also be a reluctance to speak in public about religious matters. Keep these things in mind in making your approach.

[7] Some publishers make effective use of pointed, thought-provoking questions to get the attention of passersby: "Our streets—will they be safe again?" Or, perhaps, "Will the earth be destroyed?" Keep in mind the need to tailor your question to fit the person and his circumstances. Does his appearance indicate that he is a student, businessman, laborer, and so forth? Try to determine wherein the person's interest may lie and shape your introduction accordingly.

[8] Each week many publishers use the early morning hours before work and the lunch hour to share in the witnessing activity. In visiting one local college the publishers pointedly address the students, seeking "opinions on man's future in the next 5 to 10 years." Many purposeful discussions have been enjoyed and one brother has already started four studies.

[9] We seek Jehovah's blessing on our efforts to spread the Bible's comforting message effectively. As we give thoughtful attention to our method and manner of approach, we can confidently expect his spirit to teach us "how to answer the tired one with a word."—Isa. 50:4.

Make Plans Now

[1] We are looking forward with eagerness to offering the new book *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth* to the public during January and February 1983. Make your plans now to have a full share in the house-to-house work during this campaign. All congregations will want to cover as much of their territory as possible with this outstanding Bible study aid.

[2] In order to be enthusiastic in presenting it, we must first appreciate its value ourselves. Therefore, if we have not already read this publication through, we will want to do so as soon as possible. In addition, plan to attend each of the five public talks based on the new book that are scheduled for January. Have your personal copy with you and make notes of points that can be used in the field ministry.

[3] Prepare for the campaign now and resolve to have a full share in offering the *Live Forever* book, starting with the very first day in January.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE REPORT

	Pubs.	Av. Hrs.	Av. Mags.	Av. R.V.	Av. Bi.St.
Sp'l Pios.	398	131.8	99.1	52.2	5.4
Pios.	22,400	85.3	56.5	31.6	3.3
Aux. Pios.	25,202	60.3	37.7	17.6	1.5
Pubs.	545,165	8.6	7.2	3.5	0.4
TOTAL	593,165				

Newly Dedicated Ones Baptized: 2,341

We rejoice in the new all-time peak of regular pioneers reporting for September.

Bible Studies

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can make a point very clear.—See *You Can Live Forever in Paradise on Earth,* page 36, paragraph 5.

[7] Sometimes a factor that can block the progress of a Bible student is opposition. (2 Tim. 3:12) Often this comes from members of his own family or his work associates. It is vital that you prepare the student for such persecution. Show him that this was prophesied to happen. (Matt. 10:34-39; Luke 21:16-19) Help him to have the right attitude toward his persecutors. (Matt. 5:43-48; Rom. 12:17) If the persecution continues, help him to endure by pointing out Scriptural examples of those who have endured.—Job 1:20-22; Prov. 27:11.

[8] Before you can conduct a progressive study, you need to find someone who wants to study. If you are not presently conducting a Bible study, why not talk with those who are and learn from them how to start one. You might go along on a study to see how the publisher conducts it. This may aid you in conducting a study in a progressive manner, using good teaching methods. Go to Jehovah in prayer, ask him for assistance in starting a study and then follow through in harmony with your prayers. Follow up all the interest you find. Some in the congregation who are particularly adept at starting studies may wish to help by turning some of their studies over to others. Very likely with our new *Live Forever* book, which we will begin placing with the public next month, many studies can be started. If we make practical use of the suggestions given here, those with whom we study may make rapid progress toward serving Jehovah.